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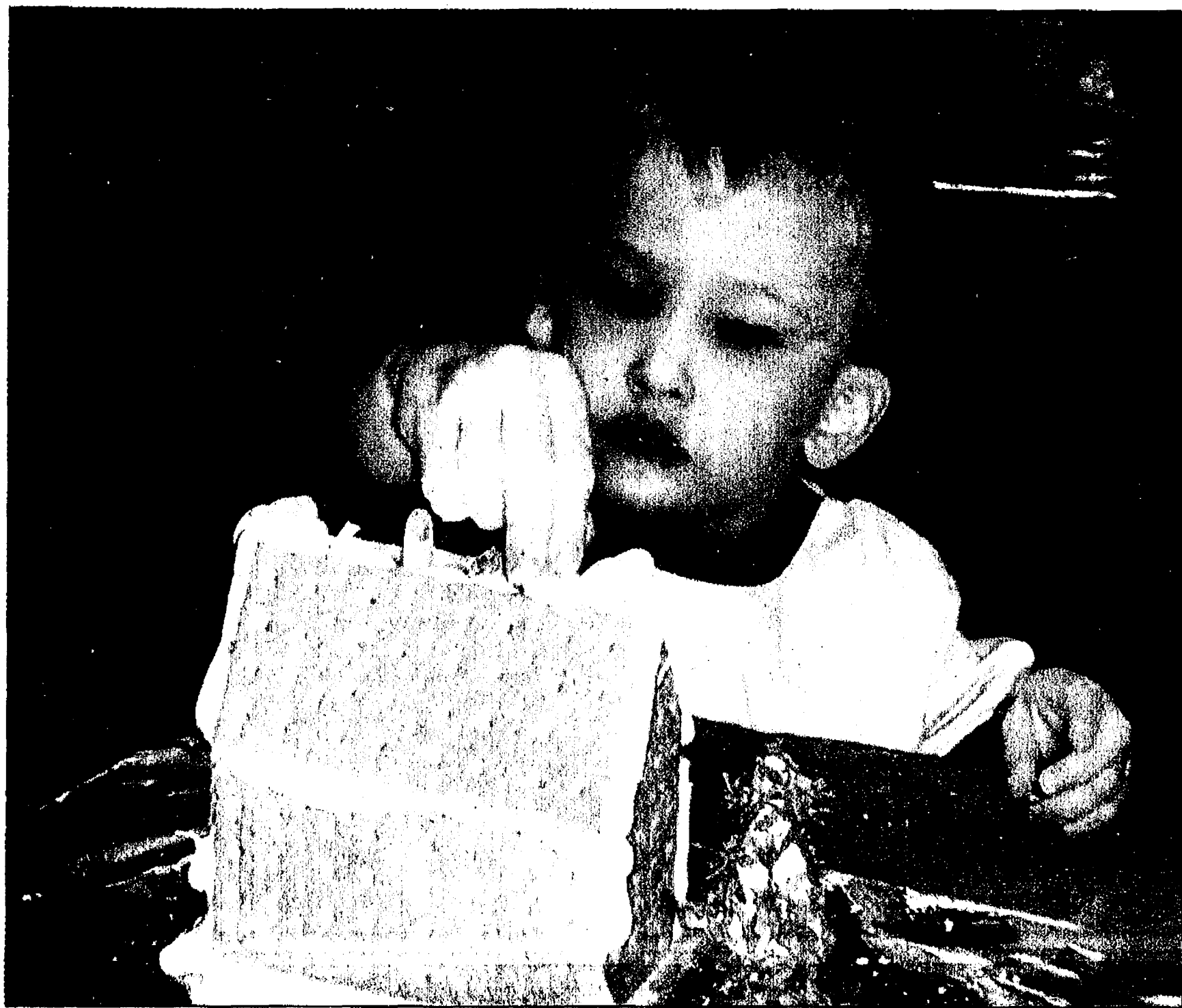


Photo by Dan Sanderson

A gingerbread house building workshop was held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Saturday. The theme for the library's Christmas program is "No Place Like Home for the Holidays," and is focusing on Christmas traditions as well as recognizing the military troops serving the country during the holiday. Above, Christopher Alma, 2, of Frederic, places a piece of candy on the roof of his gingerbread house.

## Hanson Hills improves trails, equipment for winter

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

As the snow begins to fly, the staff at Hanson Hills are ready to roll out a number of improvements for winter sports enthusiasts.

Over the summer, Hanson Hills officials added two new cross country skiing options, one which travels over trolling terrain, and another two-mile loop for beginners.

"We wanted to add a shorter trail for novice skiers, who are just getting into the sport," said Justin Andre, the director at Hanson Hills.

Rental equipment, including 260 sets of down hill skis and 175 pairs of ski boots has also been upgraded at Hanson Hills. The equipment, which was purchased through Boyne Mountain, is 3-years-old, replacing the 10-and 12 year-old skis and boots at the facility.

"The skis that we were renting out were just ancient, so we took advantage of the opportunity to improve the safety and technology with equipment that has been proven and tested," Andre said.

The lift lines on the ski hills have been moved to operate more efficiently and the shacks have also received facelifts. In

addition, snowboards, a groomer and a pair of snowmobiles, which will be used for the ski patrol, were recently purchased from the Skyline Ski and Country Club, which is not opening for the winter season.

Finally, Jodie Romzek has joined the team as the new assistant director at Hanson Hills. Romzek replaced Leigh McDougal, who recently moved to the Lansing-area after holding the position for three years.

Romzek, who grew up in Bay City, is currently completing her Master's in Administration degree in recreational administration and community leadership at Central Michigan University. She said she plans to expand the programming at Hanson Hills, including adding more activities for adults in the community.

Andre said Hanson Hills will be open for down hill skiing, snowboarding and cross-country skiing on Monday, Dec. 18.

Hours of operation during Christmas week are from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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## Darling pursues dreams as country artist

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Grayling High School graduate is beginning to garner national accolades in the country music industry.

Keyna Darling was presented the Country Breakthrough Artist of the Year Award at the 2005 New Music Awards Ceremony hosted in Hollywood by New Music Weekly Magazine, a trade publication for radio and music executives.

Darling's independent album, "Zero to Ten," was released earlier this year. A song on the album called "It's In the Little Things," is being played on about 32 stations in the United States, as well as radio stations in Japan, Spain and the Netherlands.

Darling received the red carpet treatment at the awards show.

"It was amazing and a lot of fun," she said. "I was just really proud to be nominated."

Darling, who now lives near St. Helen, moved to Grayling with her family when she was 12-years old.

She grew up in a musical family. Her late father, Pete, played the harmonica and drums, and

her mother, Alma, sang Patsy Kline songs around the home.

"She was a great inspiration for me," Darling said.

Darling was first bit by the bug to perform in front of an audience after she sang a song she wrote during a talent competition while attending a cheerleading camp.

Darling also regularly sang for patients in nursing homes and in hospitals.

"I was just doing it because I loved to sing and it seemed to make people feel good," Darling said.

Darling had an opportunity to sign to a music label years ago, but opted to forego her dreams to raise her two daughters.

Darling performed with the band Southbound 75, which had a large following in Northern Michigan.

Darling was able to meet Mark Farner, the singer for Grand Funk Railroad, after she performed at the Harbor Light Church in Petoskey. Farner has become a life long friend of Darling's, and he sang a song on her debut album called "Loving

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Jodie Romzek, pictured above, joined the team as the new assistant director at Hanson Hills. Romzek replaced Leigh McDougal, who recently moved to the Lansing-area after holding the position for three years.

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Grayling Fun Days will be held Feb. 3 and 4. The festivities will include a big air competition, a chili cook off and a cardboard sled box race, where teams will build and decorate boxes, which will then be raced down the ski hills.

"We hope to get the entire Grayling community involved in Grayling Winter Fun Days

and to come out and enjoy what we have to offer at Hanson Hills," Andre said.

Hanson Hills was opened in 1929 and was the first downhill ski area in Michigan and the second in the Midwest. Initially known at the Grayling Winter Sports Park, people traveled on snow trains to come to the community to take advantage of the winter fun.

Hanson Hills was willed to the State of Michigan by Rasmus Hanson for military and recreational use, and is still controlled by the State of Michigan's Military Board.

Locally, the Grayling Recreational Authority, a board of Grayling Township, Crawford County, Crawford AuSable School District and community officials, oversees

Hanson Hills operations. The year-round recreational activities at Hanson Hills are supported by a half-mill tax levy and user fees, which Grayling Recreational Authority officials strive to keep at a minimum to the make sports park accessible to as many people as possible.

For daily trail conditions, visit the Hanson Hills website at [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org).

## Officials push economic development initiative

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Crawford County economic

development officials have recommended the county look into a program being rolled out downstate aimed at supercharging commercial development.

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, at its regular meeting last week, passed a resolution of support which encourages the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to investigate and implement a program called Transforming Underdeveloped Residential and Business Opportunities (TURBO).

The TURBO program, which was implemented by Wayne County, is designed to help redevelop residential, commercial and business properties.

Larry Campbell, a Sterling Heights based developer, is currently working with Wayne County through the TURBO program for a bank he is building in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Campbell is recommending Crawford County implement the same economic development tool for a planned Walgreens Drug store he hopes to build at the intersection of M-72 East and the I-75 Business Loop. Campbell has been working with Jim Vanderlaan, the owner of prop-

erty for the last four years, but economics have stalled the land purchase.

Campbell, who has built 60 stores which are leased to Walgreens in the Midwest, said he believes he can finalize a business deal if he can get a brake on taxes.

The TURBO program gives developers of property a 100 percent tax brake for one-year, while the business is under construction. The deed for the property is transferred to the governmental entity to take advantage of the tax exempt status.

The program then calls for up to a 50 percent tax brake for the five following years, after the property is transferred back to the property owner.

Campbell said he will only be able to entice Walgreens, which is based in Deerfield, Ill, to come to Grayling if there is a program to eliminate the initial property taxes.

"That's the main reason the state is in a meltdown," Campbell said. "It's stopping developers and people from stepping up to the plate to put deals together."

Campbell said a Walgreens store will employ between 20 to 40 people, depending on if

the store is open 24 hours a day.

"There is no shortage of folks that want to work for Walgreens," he said.

Campbell said he will be meeting with Walgreens officials next month on proposed locations for new stores, and hopes that Crawford County officials will give the tax brake program a serious look.

"You want to be one of the first ones on the block," Campbell said. "You don't want to be in the ninth inning when everything has already happened."

David Thayer, the Grayling's new city manager, was encouraged by the details of the program.

"We might take the model, and tailor it for what we need for this county," Thayer said.

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, which is made up of county, township, city, school and business officials, will be working with the county board as they learn more about the TURBO program.

"I think we need to be right there at the table," said John Alef, a Crawford County Economic Development Partnership board member and president of Citizens Bank.

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You."

In 2005, Darling sang at a political rally in Grand Rapids, which was attended by President George W. Bush just prior to his reelection. Darling performed her song, "Stand Up America," which she wrote to honor the military troops. The performance was coordinated by Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandy Moore and her son, Sam Moore.

"There is a lot of talent in this town, and sometimes, people just need to be given a push,"

Sandy Moore said of Darling.

Darling also credited Al Bondar, the co-owner of Dharma Music, who played keyboards on her album, for introducing her to Marshall Block, a music producer from Flint, who has produced and co-wrote several of her songs.

In the coming months, Darling will be involved in the production of an animated feature film produced by Pixar Films. Darling will provide the voice for a character called Sophia, a member of a rock band which lives in an underworld, but acts as guardian

angles for humans. Her song called "Edge of Lonely" will also appear in the movie.

Darling is also about to embark on an European tour to promote her album, which is being pitched to major record labels.

Darling said she would advise others to be diligent as they pursue their dreams in the entertainment industry.

"You have to really love what you're doing, because if you don't, it will show and you'll give up too soon," she said. "If you have a talent, you need to share it with other people."



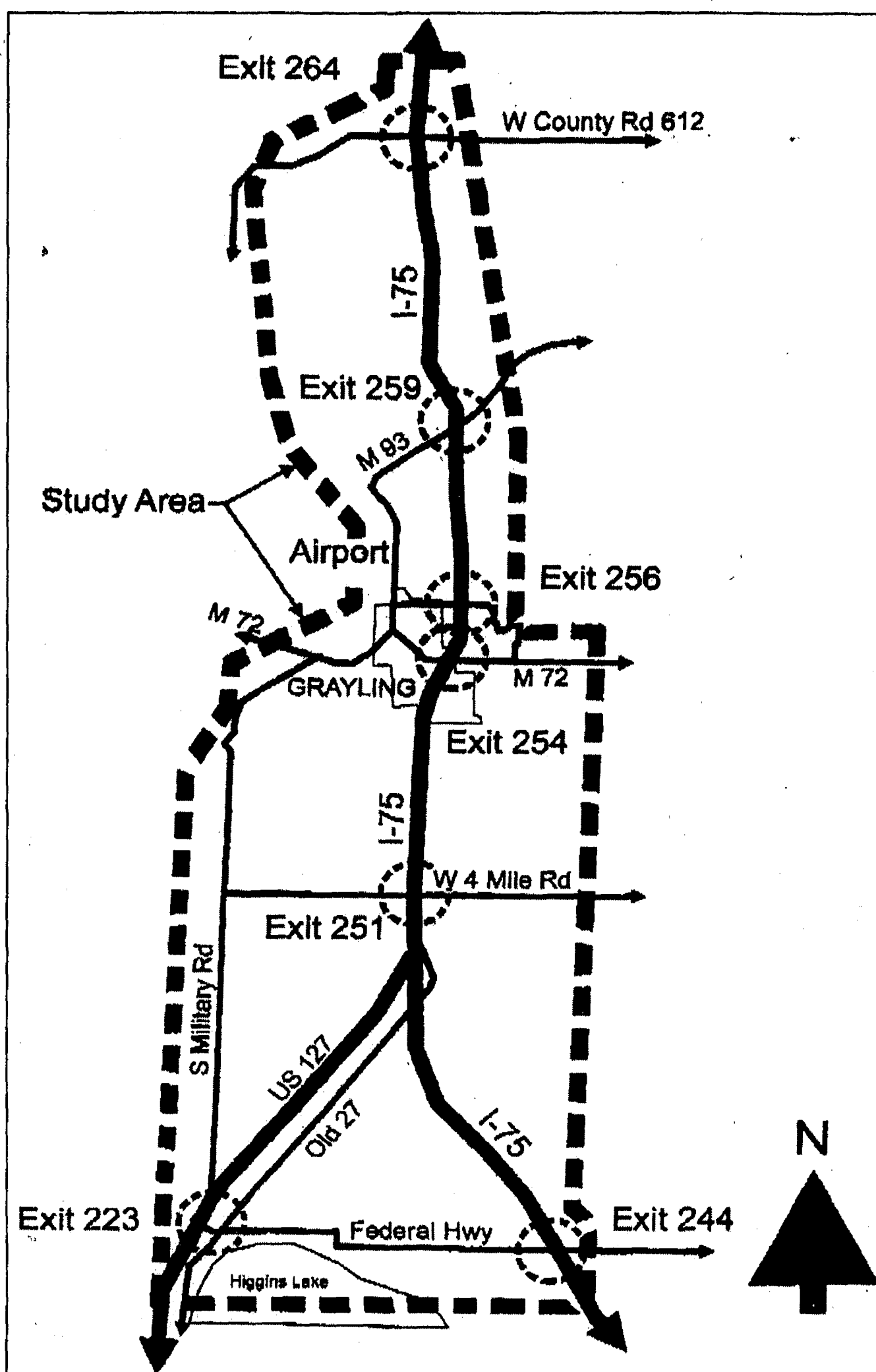
## Grayling area road study seeks public comment

Traffic in the Grayling area is the topic of a public workshop on Dec. 19, at the Grayling Township Hall, sponsored by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG). The workshop begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. People interested in area traffic conditions can arrive any time between those times to learn about the study in an informal setting and offer their ideas and concerns.

The study area includes portions of Crawford and Roscommon counties, all of the City of Grayling, and portions of Beaver Creek, Frederic, Grayling and Maple Forest Townships. A steering committee will include representatives from Crawford County, Camp Grayling, the city of Grayling, Beaver Creek Township and Grayling Township. Existing and future traffic congestion and safety concerns will be examined.

This is the first of several public meetings planned for the nine-month long study and sponsored by NEMCOG, providing land use and transportation planning services to area communities. Assisting them with the study is the URS Corporation, and international traffic engineering firm with offices in Traverse City. A landscape architecture firm from Traverse City, R. Clark Associates, is also assisting, along with LSL Planning, a community planning consultant with offices in Grand Rapids and Royal Oak. Representatives from each of these organizations will attend the public workshop.

Information on the Grayling Area Traffic Study is available on the internet at [www.nemcog.org](http://www.nemcog.org) or by calling (989) 732-3551.



## Frederic bros face murder charges following assault

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Two Frederic brothers were arraigned on murder charges Monday for assaulting a man who helped them remove their truck from a ditch, but refused his assistance when they got stuck again.

Jay Kemp Russell, 47, was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Monday for charges of assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. Guy Russell, 46, was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

The assault occurred around 1:15 a.m. Saturday in a trailer located at Timberly Village, an area where mobile homes and recreational vehicles are located off of Lewiston Grade Road just east of Old 27.

James Barron, 45, of Roscommon, who is working as a maintenance man at the park, was staying in one of the trailers,

where the Russell brothers came Saturday looking for a friend who had lived there.

After informing the men that the past resident had moved, the Russells, who police said were intoxicated, asked Barron to help them remove their truck from a ditch on Woodlawn Street.

Barron helped the Russells remove the truck from the ditch, and then returned to the trailer. A short time later, the Russells returned and told Barron that they were stuck again on Lewiston Grade Road.

When Barron refused to help again, police said, the Russell brothers became agitated and started hitting and kicking him, knocking him to floor. During the assault, police said, one of the men grabbed a butcher knife from a kitchen counter. Police said that both men said that they were going to kill Barron.

While Barron was on the floor being kicked, he was able to punch Jay Russell in the groin, allowing him to break free.

Barron then ran out of the trailer, and was able to get a person in a neighboring trailer to call 911.

Upon arrival at the scene, and after a brief talk with Barron, deputies located the Russell brothers next to their pick up and placed them under arrest without incident.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield recommend that county residents exercise caution when someone comes to their door during earlier morning hours. If Barron had contacted police initially, Wakefield said the driver of the truck would have likely been arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

"You need to be careful about answering the door in the middle night unless you really know the people," Wakefield said. "You need to pick up the phone and call the police. That's what we're here for."

Jay Russell is being held in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of a \$75,000 cash bond. Guy Russell

in being held in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond.

## Man sentenced to time in prison following plea

A 34-year old Beaver Creek Township man was sentenced to serve 15 to 60 years in prison last week for sexual assault and kidnapping charges.

Russell Anthony Myott pleaded no contest to one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of kidnapping on the second day of his trial in Crawford County Circuit Court on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Myott entered into a plea agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss in return for dismissal of other charges he was facing.

Myott was initially charged for 13 felonies including six counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of kidnapping, three counts of felonious assault and one count of intent to commit great bodily harm. He faced up to life in prison.

Michigan State Police troopers arrested Myott for assaulting his estranged girlfriend on May 28, 2005. Myott had been living with the woman and her children in a Beaver Creek Township home, but was asked to leave after an argument.

Myott returned to the home after a night of drinking at a Luzerne bar. He assaulted the woman and barricaded her children in a closet while he ordered her to perform sexual acts.

The woman was able to contact police after Myott passed out. Originally from the Flint area, Myott was working for a local construction company.

Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen ordered Myott to pay \$890 in restitution, fines and court costs, and he was given credit for 548 days he served in the Crawford County Jail.

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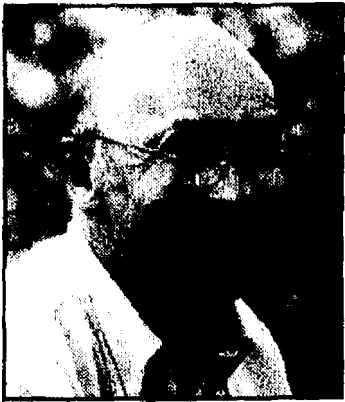
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

# Rumsfeld memo a promising sign

JUST AS HE is about to leave the center stage of the continuing Iraq saga, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent a memo to the White House that seems to accept reality and even to make some sense.

The surprising conclusion in the memo is that the United States must start to do things differently in Iraq.

"In my view it is time for a major adjustment," the Rumsfeld memo begins.

"Clearly, what US forces are currently doing in Iraq is not working well enough or fast enough."

The classified memo, leaked to the *New York Times*, has been substantiated as genuine.

Explained Eric Ruff, Pentagon spokesman: "As it became clear that people were considering options for the way forward, the secretary had some views on the subject, and this memo reflects those views."

Apparently it was written just days

before President George Bush announced Mr. Rumsfeld was leaving the contentious job, via either resignation or by dismissal, take your pick. There is no obvious connection between the two.

"The situation in Iraq has been evolving, and US forces have adjusted, over time, from major combat operations to counter terrorism, to counter insurgency, to dealing with death squads and sectarian violence," Rumsfeld wrote.

He stops short of calling it a civil war.

MANY AMERICANS who follow news from Iraq reached that conclusion long before Mr. Secretary got there. It's not clear whether President Bush is there yet, or will get there soon.

Mr. Rumsfeld seems to be coming around to the conclusion that America cannot "win" our struggles against terrorism, insurgency, death squads and sectarian violence. Many Americans also reached that point months ago.

In a sense, the "war" is not a war any more, if it ever was; it's more a matter of survival of those who are waging the battles.

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THE MANY IDEAS the memo suggests for consideration might be considered either singly or together.

One would be to begin "modest withdrawal" of US forces while Iraqis assume more responsibility -- "taking our hand off the bicycle seat," as the memo describes it.

Another is to withdraw US forces from vulnerable positions -- cities, patrolling and like duties -- and change to a "quick reaction force status" operating within Iraq and Kuwait and available when Iraqi forces need help. Another would be "an accelerated draw down of US bases," from 55 to 10-15 by next April and to five by July.

An option worth study would publicly announce a set of benchmarks "to chart a path ahead for the Iraqi government

and people and for the US public to assure them progress is being made."

The memo also lists several other "less attractive options," including to continue on the current path and to increase combat teams and US forces in Iraq "substantially."

On the other end would be to declare that Iraq now can govern itself and set a firm withdrawal date, or accelerate a federalism plan splitting the country into separate Sunni, Shia and Kurd states.

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THERE'S NO INDICATION in the memo which if any of these steps Mr. Rumsfeld favors. There is also no indication that he anticipates not being able to carry out his suggestions as secretary of defense.

The significance of the memo is that somewhere there is some thought within the Bush administration that US and coalition forces are in serious trouble in Iraq and we should alter the course.

That is considerably different from

what Mr. Bush has consistently proclaimed as his public position, which, as I understand it, is to remain in Iraq until "our job there is done," whatever that may be, and leave Iraq only when the Iraqi government asks us to leave.

Mr. Rumsfeld -- ever the realistic politician -- outlined (as the *New York Times* put it) "a campaign to lower public expectations" designed "to limit the political fallout."

Mr. Rumsfeld advised: "Announce that whatever new approach the US decides on, the US is doing so on a trial basis. This will give us the ability to readjust and move to another course, if necessary, and therefore not 'lose.'"

Not lose? It may be way too late for that.

# # #

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## We need to do something about job opportunities

To the editor:

How many of us have bought a product (electronics) for under \$50 only to have it fail in two to three weeks. You try to return it only to find the return policy is one to two weeks unless you have a protection plan. Instead of blaming the store, perhaps we should be looking where it is manufactured.

Ninety percent are made in China and Mexico. Most of the the components are manufactured or designed here, but assembled in these countries. Could it be they are taking our high quality components and substituting inferior components with almost no quality control? The Chinese especially could apply our components for military applications.

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would be ideal for our ecology and unique environment here. Virtually no pollution and most importantly jobs.

A water theme park on Four Mile Road, which might be used three months out of the year, ain't going to cut it. The only way we might have an opportunity for some good jobs up here is for us, as a people, to do something. Write or call our representatives and tell them what you want. If you do nothing, that is what we will get. As demonstrated in the last election, we still run the government.

Please take a minute during this Christmas season to think of the young men and women in our military protecting us so we can celebrate Christmas in peace.

God bless our country, our military and our president.

James W. Allman  
Grayling

## Letters to the Editor

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

# Great Lakes Restoration Act provides crucial resources

As those of us who live in Michigan know, the Great Lakes are awe inspiring. They are also an indispensable natural, economic and recreational resource for Michigan and many other states. The largest fresh water system in the world with roughly 18 percent of the world's fresh water, the Great Lakes provide drinking water for more than 30 million people.

However, the Great Lakes face a host of ongoing challenges, including threats to water quality, low water levels, contaminated sediments and the impacts of more than 160 non-native species. With so much at stake, it is critical that we make a serious commitment to the long-term health of the lakes.

The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration strategy, released in 2005, is a joint effort among governors, mayors, congressional leaders, executive branch officials and tribal governments to establish a framework for restoring and protecting the Great Lakes. The Regional Collaboration calls for an ambitious commitment of resources to combat invasive species and contaminated sediments, improve water infrastructure for

states and cities, and restore damaged fish and wildlife habitats.

Congress recently passed one part of that plan, the bipartisan Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, which I co-sponsored with my Republican colleague from Ohio, Senator Mike DeWine, with whom I serve as Chairman of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force.

Enacted in 1990 and reauthorized in 1998 and 2006, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act authorizes funding for the restoration of the lakes. The 2006 act authorizes \$9.4 million for a grant program to help restore the Great Lakes and the fish and wildlife habitats they sustain. For example, a grant helped fund a study, done in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Central Michigan University and Michigan State University, of the impact of cormorants on Great Lakes fish communities.

This year's bill also authorized \$4.6 million for new regional projects to be carried out by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, based on the recommendations of states and tribes. This will give the Fish

and Wildlife Service the flexibility to pursue projects that go beyond a single location or jurisdiction.

Finally, the bill provides funding to maintain the Fish and Wildlife Service offices originally created in 1990. The Fish and Wildlife Service will also be required to submit reports to Congress detailing the grants that have been awarded and the results of those grants. With transparency in the grant process, and with local offices overseeing their work, I am hopeful we will see measurable results that can be evaluated and adjusted accordingly in the future.

The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration has provided a valuable blueprint for progress, but we still face serious challenges in implementing the plan. The Administration's 2007 budget proposal failed to include funding for almost every recommendation. It is time to make the tough choices necessary to fulfill the federal government's obligation to preserve and restore the Great Lakes for future generations.

Though the lakes face great challenges, we have seen in Michigan that responsible policies can be successful. In

October, I joined Representatives John D. Dingell and John Conyers in releasing whitefish into the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Despite their abundance in the Detroit River at the turn of the 20th century, whitefish were all but wiped out by the 1920s due to industrial pollution and dredging.

This May, evidence of whitefish spawning was discovered in the Detroit River for the first time in 90 years. The passage of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in 2001 and sound environmental legislation like the Clean Water Act and the Great Lakes Legacy Act combined to help clean up the Detroit River so the whitefish could rebound. It is remarkable how resilient nature can be, but it's up to us to do our part.

I am pleased that the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act will bring to fruition some important pieces of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Still, there is much to be done. The lakes are a unique treasure, and we must recognize that we are only their temporary stewards.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

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Community	Briefs	paper use every other line.
items submitted to <i>The Avalanche</i> must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.		<b>Classified ads</b> by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.
<b>Photographs</b> must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.		<b>Classified display ads</b> must be turned in by Monday noon.
<b>News items and letters</b> should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.		<b>Full page, half page, or color display ads</b> must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.
Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined		<b>The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.</b>



# BRIEFS

## Church to hold dessert buffet and auction

The Free Methodist Church, will be holding a dessert buffet and auction on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.. This event will benefit the mission trip. Everyone is welcome. For information call 348-9093.

## Church to host concert

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 905 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, will present The Calvarymen Quartet in a special Christmas concert, on Dec. 10, at 4:30 p.m. There will be a free will offering and refreshments will be available.

## American Legion Aux. to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting on Dec. 13, at 3:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling. It is a Christmas party, bring a \$5 gift and a dish to pass.

## VFW Aux. to hold craft sale

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold a craft and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

## Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the South Branch Township meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

## Church to hold cookie sale

St. Mary's Family Center, Spruce St, Grayling, will hold a cookie sale on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. - noon.

## ABWA to hold Christmas party

ABWA will hold a Christmas party on Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m., at Jeddy's Lodge. For information call Carol at 348-9310.

## COA to attend musical

The senior center will be going to the Grand Traverse Resort Trillium Restaurant for a presentation of Holiday Resort - The Musical, on Thursday, Dec. 14. The bus leaves the center at 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the four-course dinner, show and transportation are \$65. Call Elouise at 348-7123 for information and to reserve a seat. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 8.

## Flu shots still available

Local medical providers and the health department in Crawford County still have flu shots available. The cost for the vaccine is \$24 through Feb., and Medicaid, Medicare Part B, MI Child, and Ten-Con Insurances can be billed. The pneumonia vaccine is also available. For information call 348-7800.

## American Legion to hold meeting

The American Legion Post 106 will hold its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at the Post home. A vote for approval of revised post bylaws will be on the agenda. All members should attend.

## Band boosters to hold monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

## VFW 3736 and Ladies Aux. to hold party

The VFW Post 3736 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Christmas party at the American Legion Hall, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. Bring a finger food to share and a \$5-\$10 gift for exchange. Families and all veterans of Foreign Wars are welcome to attend.

## Make reservations for Christmas event

"The Farm By Lantern Light," held each holiday season at Wellington Farm, Grayling, is scheduled this year for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 15, 16 and 17. Seating is limited so reservations are a must. Reservations can be made by calling toll free 888-653-3276. Admission is \$10 per person.

## MDOT to keep most rest areas open throughout winter

With motorists' safety and convenience in mind, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will keep 73 of the state's 81 rest areas open during the upcoming winter months.

Only eight rest areas will be closed from Dec. 1 through April 2, 2007 - a 17-week period - as a cost-saving measure due either to reduced use or safety concerns. All rest areas will remain open until the conclusion of the firearm deer season, which ends Nov. 30.

"Travel doesn't stop in Michigan when the snow starts to fly, and MDOT is committed to providing year-round convenience to motorists," said MDOT Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Rest areas are an important part of the comprehensive transportation system that MDOT maintains."

Five rest areas will reopen in April: St. Ignace Rest Area on I-75 southbound in Mackinac County, Ludington Rest Area on

US-31 northbound in Mason County, Topinabee Rest Area on I-75 northbound in Cheboygan County, Hebron Rest Area on I-75 southbound in Cheboygan County, and Hart Rest Area on US-31 southbound in Oceana County.

Due to construction, three rest areas are expected to remain closed until June 1, 2007: Marshall Rest Area on I-94 westbound in Calhoun County, Adair Rest Area on I-94 eastbound in St. Clair County, and Belleville Rest Area on I-94 westbound in Wayne County.

Designated rest areas will have "Closed until Spring" signs posted, including the mileage to the next open rest area listed.

Maintenance of these rest areas throughout the winter continues a commitment by MDOT and the Granholm administration to create jobs, improve quality of life and provide the highest quality integrated transportation services for Michigan residents and businesses.

## Foundation announces deadline for arts grants

Kirtland Community College Foundation, a regional re-granting agency for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, recently announced application deadlines for a second round of awards for fiscal year 2007, which ends Sept. 30, 2007.

The Mini-Grant Program is a grant awarding partnership financed by the state through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. As the re-granting agency for Region No. 19 - which includes Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties - the KCC Foundation is allocated funds to re-grant up to \$4,000 for each individual project.

The projects should be locally developed, high-quality projects, which are special opportunities to address local artistic needs and increase public access to the arts. The Grayling Promotional Association and Kirtland Youth

Theatre were among those area organizations awarded grants in the first round for the 2007 fiscal year, with that application period having closed earlier this year on July 1.

Any non-profit organization in the six-county area, including but not limited to, service organizations, arts organizations, parks and recreation groups, professional associations, public and non-public schools, libraries, cities, townships and villages, are eligible to submit a proposal by Feb. 1, 2007, for the second round of funding for projects slated April 1 through Sept. 30, 2007.

All projects must be completed by midnight on Sept. 30, 2007.

Grant applications, guidelines and instructions are available by contacting Beth Petrik, Region No. 19 coordinator, by calling 989-275-5000, extension 397, or via e-mail at petrikb@kirtland.edu.

## Aid available to help those affected by layoffs, closures

Layoffs and plant closures downstate might have grabbed more headlines in 2006, but northern Michigan has also felt the negative impact of lost jobs and incomes over the past year.

Now, officials at the main campus of Kirtland Community College near Roscommon and Kirtland's Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord are reminding area residents who've lost their jobs that there are programs and financial assistance available to further their education and/or career training to help them get back on their feet.

Earlier this year, state lawmakers pushed through legislation to grant \$800,000 to both KCC and Montcalm Community College to assist in the retraining of those persons whose jobs with a private firm were eliminated due to a permanent facility closure. Kirtland officials say the college has already received its first allotment of \$300,000. Those funds are being used to upgrade computer labs and to provide financial aid for those who qualify.

"We urge people who have lost their jobs due to permanent closures to contact the college to discuss their access to these training funds," said Dr. Doty Latuszek, provost of Kirtland's M-TEC facility. "We want people to upgrade their employable skills as soon as possible."

According to Latuszek, nearly 600 workers in northern Michigan lost their jobs due to the recent plant closures in Petoskey, West Branch, Oscoda and Gaylord, as well as those affected by the closure of Carter's grocery stores in the region.

The loss of more than 200 jobs with the closing of the Georgia-Pacific plant in Gaylord spurred state legislators such as Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and representatives Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, and Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, to seek special funding to retrain those people left unemployed by similar closures.

The legislation, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in May, allows the appropriation to be used for costs including tuition reimbursements, equipment, supplies, textbooks, staff and programming costs associated with retraining workers during the next four years. The funds are for anyone in Michigan who qualifies.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 3 of \$25 each: Dodie Steffes, Mike Higgins, Pat Benardo, and Todd Collen.

### Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner for Nov. 25 - Jane Lange and Dec. 1 - Bruce Patrick.

## Country Breakfast

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## AMERICAN LEGION POST 106 2007 American Legion Dues

This is a reminder that the 2007 dues will go up effective January 1, 2007 to \$30.00. In order to avoid the increase it is important that you submit your payment to the Post Adjutant before December 15, 2006. The current dues will remain at \$25.00 until that time.

As there seems to be some confusion on the date that yearly dues begin and end, please let us clarify that the American Legion does not work off the calendar year, but on a fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends on June 30. Hence the 2007 fiscal year began on July 1, 2006 and will end on June 30, 2007.

Your American Legion Post 106 is working for you and the community and we invite you to come out to our meetings on the second Monday of every month and join us in making our post the best in the State!

From: Post Adjutant

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# The Bible Speaks

## The Help of Faith

As we studied the nature of Abraham's faith, last week in Romans 4:18 we considered the hope of Abraham's faith. "Who against hope believed in hope...." Today we shall look at Romans 4:19 and study the help of Abraham's faith. "19And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:" Abraham's faith was neither hopeless or helpless.

First, Abraham's faith gave him victory over weakness. "19And being not weak in faith...." As Psalm 46:1 reminds us: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." As God told Isaiah in Isaiah 41:10,13: "10Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness...13For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Second, Abraham's faith gave him victory over worry. "...He

considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old." Abraham did not dwell on his own weaknesses and problems, but like the Psalmist in Psalm 121:1,2 he looked up to God for help: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

Third, Abraham's faith gave him victory over wantonness. "Abraham did not blame his wife Sarah for his problems: "...neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:" He did not follow the example of father Adam in Genesis 3:12: "12And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. "Abraham did not remind Sarah he had fathered Ishmael by her handmaid Hagar when he was 86 years old. He did not accuse her of infertility as a possible reason for their childlessness. Abraham did not blame his own weakness, his wife or others for not receiving God's seed.

We read some of their history in Genesis 18:11-14: "11Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the

manner of women. 12Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? 14Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?" Of course not!

Listen to God's testimony of Abraham and Sarah in His faith chapter of the Bible in Hebrews 11:11,12: "11Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable." Abraham's God will neither leave us hopeless nor helpless. Pastor "B"

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 8 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas, carrots, and banana. No Dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest satellite meal with Dr. Denholm, speaker, 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Dec. 9 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for appt. and bring your own towel.

Monday, Dec. 11 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, peas, boiled potatoes, and peaches. Dinner - baked fish, broccoli, O'Brien potatoes, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and grapes. Dinner - BBQ chicken, oven roasted potatoes, smothered

squash, and tropical fruit. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco, 6:30 p.m. housing commission board meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Lunch-Teriyaki chicken, California blend vegetables, tossed salad, and pineapple. Birthday Dinner - baked ham, Brussels sprouts, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. White Elephant auction.

Thursday, Dec. 14 - Lunch-roast turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and pears. Dinner - meat loaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 12:30 p.m. Sonnets and Songs, 4:30 p.m. Grand Traverse Holiday Resort musical trip.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## BIRTHS

Joy L. and Ryan D. Williams of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Adam David, born at Mercy Hospital on October 20, 2006, at 11:36 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13.6 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Brianne Crowl and Kyle Fleischmann of Roscommon, announce the birth of a daughter, Mya Jo, born at Mercy Hospital on October 30, 2006, at 10:02 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Crystal Smith and Darrin Justin, of Comins, announce the birth of a daughter, Crystin Kay, born at Mercy Hospital on October 20, 2006, at 4:12 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 2 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Krista Smith and Dan McCullough of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Paige, born at Mercy Hospital on November 6, 2006, at 3:48 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Heidi J. Smock and Russell J. Hilliker of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Conner J., born at Mercy Hospital on October 18, 2006, at 6:45 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14.5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

## Card of Thanks

My officers and I would like to say thank you to all the auxiliary members and club members that gave of their time to help out at the Veterans Days bash. I would also like to say thank you to the members of the Post 106, it was a great honor and pleasure working with you. We are looking forward to doing it a lot more.

Dec. 13, will be our last meeting of the year for 2006. I can't believe how fast this year has gone. Remember ladies to mark it on your calendar. We will be having our Christmas party and potluck after the meeting, so ladies please remember to bring a dish to pass and a \$5 gift for the gift exchange.

Come to the meeting and potluck and show your support for the Auxiliary and help welcome our eight new members. With your help we hope to make them feel right at home. We have forged ahead a little and with your help and input we can go even further. The post and auxiliary are working together more and more, this is a good thing, but we need everyone's help to make it happen. So please come and give our club your support and ideas.

Come on down and enjoy the Christmas party and potluck with us.

Auxiliary President,  
Rose Jernberg

## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn G. Lozon

Nov. 13, 1914 - Nov. 28, 2006  
Evelyn Grace Lozon, 92, of Grayling, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2006, at Grayling Nursing Center.

She was born on November 13, 1914, in Bay City, to Henry and Emma Janette (Brittan) Jordan. She married Chester James Lozon on May 4, 1933.

She was a long time resident of the Grayling area and worked for 10 years at AuSable Souvenir Works in Frederic. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and knitting.

She is survived by daughters, Gwen K. (Howard) Haselhuhn of Midland and Emma J. (Bob) Huskins of Auburn; 24 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 51 years, Chester; sons: Chester James Jr., John Henry, Arthur Jerome, Richard Charles, Ernest Dale; and sister, Lillian Kalahar.

A memorial service was held on December 4, 2006, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Mitchell B. Hexham

July 6, 1959 - Nov. 30, 2006  
Mitchell "Brian" Hexham, 47, of Grayling, passed away on November 30, 2006.

Mitchell was born on July 6, 1959, in Detroit, to the late Martin and Phyllis (Anderson) Hexham. He was an avid sports fan.

He is survived by brothers, Darrel (Jennifer) Sauter of Roscommon and Craig (Jackie) Hexham of Traverse City; step-father, Steve (Lanie) Sauter of Hersey; and special family friend, James Barkley.

A memorial service was held on December 4, 2006, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 111 complaints the week of Nov. 27 - Dec. 3:

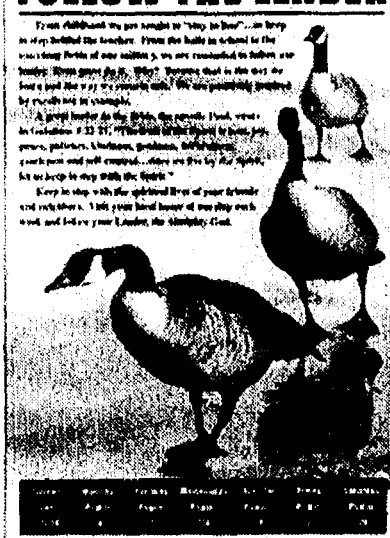
One plan review, one delinquent minors, three false alarms, one kidnapping-other, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, one criminal sexual conduct fourth-degree-forcible contact, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, two burglaries/home invasions, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, nine larcenies, one motor vehicle theft, one fraudulent activities, three damage to properties, one drug/narcotic violations;

Four public peace/disorderlies, two health and safeties, one runaway, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, 15 traffic accidents, one accident-all other, one motor vehicle-vehicle identification number-school buss, five property checks, five civil matters/family disputes, 12 suspicious situations, two lost and found properties, 28 general non-criminal complaints and four driving violations/driving while license suspended and four driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

## FOLLOW THE LEADER



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Sacrament ... 10 am  
Sunday School ... 11 am  
Primary ... 11 am  
Priesthood ... 12 noon  
Relief Society ... 12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Perrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ... 10 am  
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service ... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting (van transportation available) ... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
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Sunday School ... 9:15 am  
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Pastor Carol Sheehan  
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Church School ... 9:45 am  
Preaching ... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ... 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nelson, J.V., Pastor  
Parish Office - 708 Peninsula • 348-7657  
Saturday Evening Masses ... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ... 10:00 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
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Sunday Holy Eucharist ... 8:30 & 10:30 am

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**Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God**  
Pastor Donald Oost  
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Meeting at the Primary School  
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**Calvary Baptist Church**  
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Evening Worship ... 6 pm  
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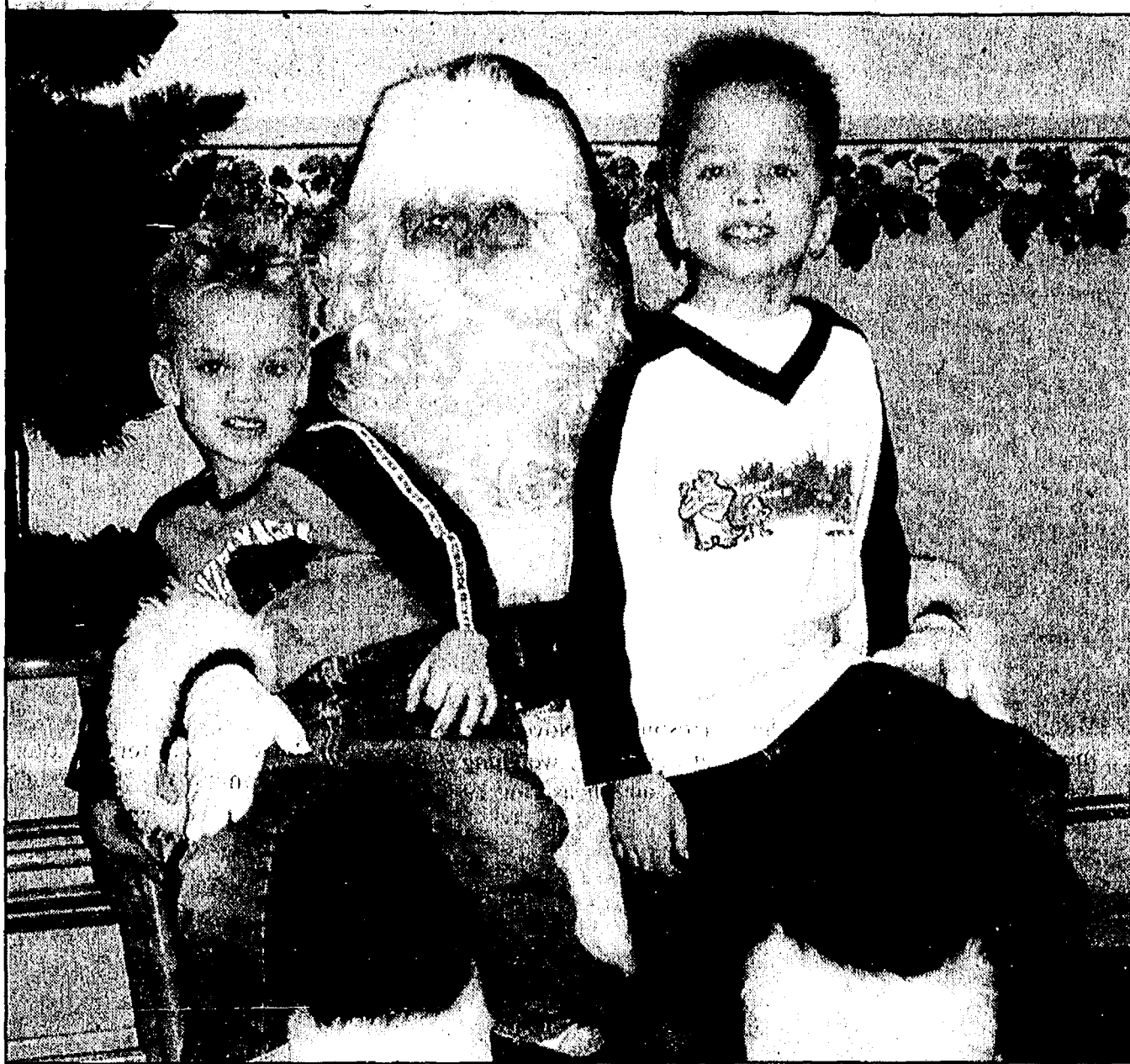
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# Breakfast With Santa



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling Promotional Association held its annual Breakfast with Santa program at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday. Families ate french toast sticks, sausage links and scrambled eggs, visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus and did some shopping for the holidays. Left, Claus Garrity, 4, and Teemu Garrity, 6, have their picture taken with Santa. Above, Myah Northrop, 4, and Taylor Northrop, 6, wore matching holiday dresses to the breakfast.

## Toys, donations sought for Christmas programs

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Toys for Tots and Crawford County Community Christian Help Center volunteers are seeking books, toys and donations in order to brighten the holiday for area families.

Gearing up for the Christmas holiday, the Toys for Tots program in Crawford County is seeking books and coloring books for children of all ages.

"We like to give each child a book to go along with the toys so parents can use them as stocking stuffers," said Marianne Gosnell, the coordinator for the Toys for Tots program in Crawford County.

Toys For Tots is also seeking dolls, cars, trucks and board games.

"We can use games for children of any age," said Gosnell, who stressed all toys stay in Crawford County for local families.

While needy families can get assistance providing gifts through Toys for Tots, the

Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is also taking food and monetary donations to help put holiday dinner on the table.

Families who sign up for assistance through the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center are provided a voucher to buy food at the Grayling Save-A-Lot Store.

"We want to make sure there are not any families that go without food for Christmas dinner," said Gerry Schroeder, the coordinator for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

The help center is also seeking used coats that have been washed and are in good condition to keep children warm for during the winter.

"People have been really good about giving us coats that kids have outgrown and they just don't have a use for them," she said.

Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and Toys for Tots volun-

teers will be holding their "Christmas Help" program from Wednesday, Dec. 13 through Friday, Dec. 15, and Monday, Dec. 18 through Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Families must pre-register for an appointment with volunteers, when they will be able to pick up their toys, food and meal vouchers.

Schroeder said that help center volunteers have not seen the typical demand for assistance this year, but activity is starting to increase.

"Everybody has more needs at the holiday time," she said.

The Crawford County Community Christian Help

Center has been authorized to conduct the local Toys for Tots program since 1998.

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center was founded in August, 1992. The agency is supported by gifts, grants and donations from local community service groups, businesses, churches and individuals.

The goal of the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is to provide food, encouragement, education, support and help to people in need.

To contact the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center for more information, call 348-6046.

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If you would like to participate in the 2007 Festival of Trees, please contact April Bertram at 989-348-5725. We have limited amount of trees to be decorated on a first come first serve basis, so get your decorations now or during the holiday clearance sales.

Happy Holidays,

April Bertram and Senga Hornsey

Grayling Promotional Assoc. Festival of Trees Committee

# Illegal ORV use is damaging state forest trails

by Brian McVicar  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Besides loose dirt and tire tracks, not much stands out about the hill next to the Old State House Trail in Iosco County.

But to Dick Ranney, the hill symbolizes an issue that's hurting the state's forests: illegal off-road vehicle use.

Ranney, who serves as chair of the Michigan Off-Road Vehicles Trail Advisory Board, has been riding the trail for 30 years. Through that time, he's seen ATV users leave the designated trail and gun their machines up the hill, leaving it littered with piles of loose dirt and grass.

"It's cut down now by about a foot," he said. "You can see fresh tracks around the hill."

Like the hill on the Old State House Trail, other spots in forests across the state are being

damaged by illegal off-road vehicle use.

In 2005, a State Forestry Initiative audit emphasized the harmful effects of illegal off-road vehicle use.

The audit said that illegal off-road use is particularly damaging when operators ride along eroding river banks.

In response to the audit, Jim Radabaugh said the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) implemented a database that tracks where off-road violations have occurred and updated the state's off-road vehicle handbook.

It's currently developing a strategy to use the Internet and advertisements to educate off-road vehicle users about the damage caused by illegal use, Radabaugh said.

"It gets into a marketing area we've never been before," he said.

DNR lacks the money to monitor and maintain all its trails, said Anne Woiwode, state director of the Sierra Club.

There are 3,100 miles of off-road vehicle trails in Michigan, 73 percent within state forests.

Because the trails aren't consistently monitored, Woiwode said, users often leave the designated trails, killing vegetation and creating new paths.

The state hasn't posted enough signs indicating which trails are not to be used, leaving riders confused, Woiwode said. In the Lower Peninsula, off-road vehicle use is illegal unless a posted sign allows it.

"This is a very difficult thing to police," she said.

Woiwode said that when a rider creates a trail, it creates a hospitable environment for an invasive species called the spotted knap weed that thrives in hard-packed dirt.

"When you open roads, you create roads for this invasive species," Woiwode said. "Eventually, that's the only plant you see in the area."

Chris Morris, an enforcement officer in the DNR Gaylord office, said most of the area's violations involve riders climbing hills and driving through wetlands.

"To them, the wetlands are meant for spraying mud and seeing how far they can go without getting stuck," he said. "They love the wetlands."

Morris oversees the five enforcement officers who patrol Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency counties.

About 75 tickets were issued in 2005 for illegal off-road vehicle use in those counties, he said. Statewide, 721 tickets were issued in 2005 for illegal off-road vehicle use, according to the DNR.

## Michigan promotes winter tourism

by Alex Doty  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Alpine skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and winery visits are some ways Michiganians enjoy winter tourism in the state.

As a hub for outdoor activity, Traverse City benefits from winter tourism, said Mike Norton, media relations director for the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"Here, we simply switch gears from beaches, golf, boating and hiking to skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, tubing

and iceboating," Norton said.

Officials say tourism is a big business for the state. For every \$1 spent on tourism promotion, the state gets more than \$3 back in taxes.

Areas with amenities such as ski resorts see an increase in winter tourists compared to towns without them, said Jim Bartlett, general manager of Nub's Nob ski resort in Harbor Springs.

Bartlett said in the past seven out of 10 years, Nub's Nob opened during Thanksgiving weekend if there was enough snow, and when there wasn't, the opening was delayed until sometime in December. The resort usually closes during the first week of April.

Nub's Nob is one of three ski resorts in the Petoskey area, with Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs and Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, which contribute to the economic health of the area, Bartlett said.

According to the Traverse City visitors bureau, 45 percent of its tourism volume comes in June through August, while the off-seasons make up the rest.

"Although summer and fall still account for most of Traverse City's tourism busi-

ness, mid-winter ski and snowmobiling season is a strong second place," Norton said.

Tom Nemacheck, executive director of the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association, said the group targets its advertising to Great Lakes states and attends consumer travel shows.

Nemacheck said snowmobiling has the biggest economic impact during the winter. While skiing requires hills or mountains, snowmobiling can use flat land, which is everywhere.

In addition to the more traditional outdoor activities such as skiing and snowmobiling, travelers take part in other seasonal activities.

For example, Norton said Traverse City has shopping, cultural and culinary attractions, including more than 100 art galleries and studios, musical and performing art attractions, culinary attractions, wineries, clubs and nightlife and casinos.

There are also events such as the Great Macaroni and Cheese Bake-Off the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the North American VASA cross-country ski event in February, he said.

Ed O'Keefe III, president of Traverse City-based Chateau

Grand Traverse winery and vineyards, said the macaroni cook-off offers travelers a way to get out of the house and enjoy themselves.

In addition to hosting the cook-off, the winery has a guesthouse, and there are many bed and breakfasts nearby.

Norton said fall and spring are slowest for the Michigan tourist industry but it's making strides to fill the gap by offering discounts.

"We've shown steady inroads in recent years into the more difficult shoulder seasons," Norton said.

The state has about 40 downhill ski locations, more than 6,000 miles of snowmobile trails and more than 45 wineries.

The Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC), the agency responsible for marketing the state to tourists and businesses, offers information about 11,000 tourism entities on its Web site.

The MEDC is running a regional ad campaign titled Pure Michigan in markets such as Wisconsin, Ohio, and Ontario to attract tourists to the state, said George Zimmermann, vice president, Travel Michigan.

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**Shane Ferrell**

Shane Ferrell, of Grayling, recently completed a seven month internship with Union Pacific Railroad. During this time, Ferrell was assigned to Union Pacific's Sunset Corridor and worked primarily in New Mexico and Arizona.

He was employed as an Engineering Construction Manager and his job duties included materials management and supply ordering, ensuring construction materials were delivered and on-site for rail and bridge crews as needed. He was also responsible for negotiating a long-term agreement between Union Pacific and Arizona Eastern Railway. The lease involves construction of a section of track and a switch, which will allow both companies the ability to store materials and equipment in close proximity to future construction and maintenance projects.

Ferrell will be returning to Michigan Technological University in January to complete his Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering. Next summer he will be completing a study abroad in Finland, taking classes in railroad engineering, and then plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Construction Management.

He is the son of Walt and Brenda Mikula of Cheboygan and Joe and Deb Ferrell of Gladwin.

## AREA EVENTS

**Traverse City** - The Dennon Museum Center Store at Northwestern Michigan College, 1701 E. Front St., will hold a special jewelry show on Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For two days only, Maureen Perdomo presents her unique Amberado collection of hand-crafted Polish amber and Mexican sterling silver jewelry. The jewelry sale is open to the public with no admission charge.

## Michigan revises Emerald Ash Borer quarantine

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Mitch Irwin announced an amendment of the state's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine to prevent the further spread of the exotic insect and keep the Upper Peninsula free of EAB. Effective immediately, Michigan's EAB quarantine has been revised to include two levels in the Lower Peninsula. The two-level quarantine maintains the existing 21-county quarantined area of Southeast Michigan Level I and the balance of the Lower Peninsula as Level II. Level I represents that area of the state that is generally infested with EAB and Level II has scattered but isolated infestations.

"Michigan's natural resources are at risk," said Irwin. "We want to minimize the impact of EAB across the state as much as possible."

## R.O.O.C. awarded highest level of CARF accreditation

CARF announced that R.O.O.C., Inc., has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Service (Community Integration) and Employment Services (Community Employment - job development, job supports and job-site training and Organizational Employment). CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services. They use a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of persons served.

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Michigan and surrounding states," said Ken Rauscher, Director of the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division. "It's imperative citizens comply with the state's quarantine and not transport firewood if we are to be successful."

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood.

Additional information about EAB, and a map of the quarantine boundaries will be available online at [www.michigan.gov/eab](http://www.michigan.gov/eab) or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). You may also contact your regional MDA office, or your local Michigan State University Extension or conservation district office.

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Natalie Woodley (left) holds her pirate purse she made during the American Girl series which featured pirates, smugglers and adventure. Gunner Metzger (right) was the winner of the Lego Pirate Adventure gift basket drawing.

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It started out innocent enough. The American Girl Program at Devereaux Memorial Library this

fall was based on two historical novels in the American Girl series which featured pirates, smugglers and adventure. The girls made pirate purses to hold all their trinkets and treasures and a secret map. Captain Scruffy Kennebec (formerly known as Anna Biernat, Program Director) asked the girls to decide if they would like to be pirates or landlubbers. Surprisingly, over half of the girls decided that a life at sea was the life for them.

With the skeleton crew now secure; Capt. Kennebec recruited more seadogs at the Pirate and Princess Program at Frederic Community Library. Children made their own personalized Jolly Rogers featuring symbols of their favorite hobbies. If properly hung on their bedroom door, the flag will surely say Beware! to siblings and parents alike.

The quest for crew continued with the Lego Pirate Adventure Program, where boys and girls over a two week period made pirate ships complete with colorful sails and bold names like "Bloody Skull" and "The Murderer". The final segment of the adventure was devoted to taking the new recruits on a treasure hunt for gold and glory. The scalawags puzzled over a poem



Captain Scruffy Kennebec (Anna Biernat) lead the treasure hunt as part of one of the Crawford County Library pirate themed activities.

and map riddled with clues. They prevailed. They found a buried chest filled with gold candies and the best treasure of all: books. As a very wise man, Walt Disney said: "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."

Another pirate ambush is planned for the capture of Mercy Manor where residents will be

reintroduced to the classic Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, Scottish author who also penned Kidnapped, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Our seniors may escape being pressed into the service of Capt. Kennebec on the ship Tenacious Text for they know that true treasure awaits them at your local Crawford County library.

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## State Fire Marshal issues safety tips for holiday decorations

The Acting State Fire Marshal offers safety tips for holiday decorations. Candles and Christmas trees add a joyous and festive mood to the holiday season; but when decorations such as these are not used properly, they can cause fires, injuries and death.

"More and more holiday decorations feature candles and lights \* lending a beautiful touch to ceremonies and events," said Andy Neumann, Acting State Fire Marshal. "However, consumers should remember that lighted candles that are left unattended could bring tragedy. These simple safety tips will help prevent many of the holiday decoration-related fires and tragedies, which occur each year."

The Fire Marshal asks consumers to follow these tips to make the holiday season a safe one:

### Trees:

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree will not catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and do not break when bent between your fingers. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do

not block doorways.

Christmas trees should be checked daily and at the first sign of dryness be removed from the home. The drier the tree, the greater the fire hazard.

### Lights:

Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL or ETL which indicates conformance with safety standards. Use only lights that have plugs containing fuses.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Always replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulbs.

If using an extension cord, make sure the extension cord is rated for the intended use.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.

Stay away from power or feeder lines leading from utility poles into older homes.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails or tacks. Also, run strings of lights through hooks (available at hardware stores).

Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Use caution when removing

outdoor holiday lights. Never pull or tug on lights \* they could unravel and inadvertently wrap around power lines.

Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold. GFCIs can be installed permanently to household circuits by a qualified electrician.

### Decorations:

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.

Keep candles away from drafts and vents and do not place candles where they can be knocked down or blown over. Do not place candles on tablecloths when the edges of the tablecloths hang over the edge of the table and can be pulled by children.

Trim wicks to 1/2 inch prior to each use. Extinguish taper or pillar candles when they get within 2 inches of their holders. Don't burn candles for more than 4 hours at a time. Discontinue use of a container candle when 1/2 inch of the wax remains. Always use containers that have been made for candle usage and keep matches, wick trimmings and foreign objects out of the candle wax.

In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable,

keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair."

Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

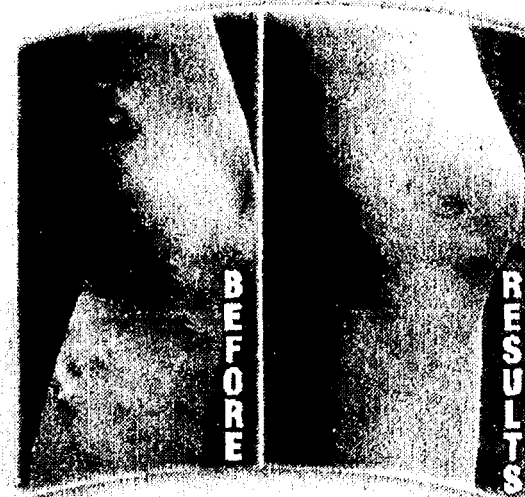
### Fireplaces:

Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.

Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

"The holidays are a good time to make sure your family has a fire escape plan \* and can safely execute it," added Neumann. "Map out escape routes for every member of your family, including alternate routes in case the others are blocked by a fire. Establish at least two exits from each part of the house. And finally, include a place safely away from the house for your family to meet to make sure everyone got out O.K. and practice your plan every couple of months \* even in the winter months."

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## Select Michigan Christmas trees for freshness, quality and tradition

Thanksgiving weekend marks the unofficial beginning of the Christmas holiday season, and for many families who celebrate Christmas, holiday traditions start with a real Christmas tree. The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) encourages consumers to select a Michigan Christmas tree for a fresh, high quality tree that also benefits the environment, supports local farmers and Michigan's economy.

"The purchase of real Christmas trees supports rural communities, local growers, and keeps farmland in production while preserving our agricultural heritage," said MDA Director Mitch Irwin. "Christmas tree production also improves the soil, water and air quality in our state and fresh Michigan Christmas trees add a special touch to holiday decorations and festivities."

Real Christmas trees are renewable and recyclable. They are grown on farms, and for every Christmas tree harvested, up to three more are planted the following spring. Christmas trees typically take seven to ten years to grow to a harvestable size. By planting new trees for a holiday season seven to ten years in the future, farmers are establishing an environment that produces oxygen and clean water, reduces wind and water erosion, improves water filtration into soil, filters sediment from rainfall, and provides a habitat for wildlife. Real Christmas trees also absorb carbon dioxide, which helps counteract possible greenhouse gas effects.

And after the holidays, there are many uses for recycled real Christmas trees. Many communities chip the trees and use the chippings for mulch, hiking trails,

playground areas, animal stalls or landscaping. Whole trees are recycled for an even greater variety of uses; river shoreline stabilization, sand dune erosion prevention, marshland sedimentation, fish habitat, winter garden decorations, wild bird feeders, even hazardous chemical clean-ups.

The climate, soils and topography of Michigan permit the production of many popular species of Christmas trees. The top Christmas tree species in Michigan is Scotch Pine. The three other leading species are Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir and Colorado Blue Spruce.

Sales of real Christmas trees increased by 15.8 percent in the U.S. in 2004, and an additional 21 percent in 2005. Michigan ranks third in the nation in the number of Christmas trees harvested, supplying approximately 3 million fresh Christmas trees to the national market each year. Michigan has approximately 42,000 acres of commercial Christmas tree production, with an annual farm gate value of over \$41 million.

The top six counties, Missaukee, Oceana, Wexford, Montcalm, Allegan, and Manistee, account for just over 50 percent of the state's total Christmas tree acreage. The industry also receives an additional \$1.3 million in sales of wreaths, cut boughs, garland and other cut greens.

Consider these tips when purchasing a pre-cut tree or cutting your own:

- Look for a well-shaped tree with few bare spots;
- The tree should be fragrant, not musty;
- The needles should be green

and have good retention; shake the tree to allow brown interior needles to fall out, green needles should not fall off a healthy tree;

• Store the tree in a cool, sheltered area to protect it from the elements until it is brought inside and decorated.

In addition, to help keep trees fresh throughout the holiday season and prevent Christmas-tree related fires:

• Make a straight cut across the trunk base and place the tree in a stand filled with at least one gallon of fresh water. Expect a freshly-cut Christmas tree will absorb up to one gallon of water the first day.

• Keep trees watered with at least one quart of water daily to maintain fragrance and beauty. A watered tree not only looks better but also is more fire resistant. If the water level in the tree stand drops below the end of the tree stump, a layer of sap can form over the cut stump in just a few hours, making it impossible for the tree to absorb water.

• Place trees away from heat sources such as fireplaces, televisions and radiators.

• Check tree lights to ensure that they are consumer-inspected (UL-listed or Factory Mutual-approved).

• Inspect lights and cords before hanging them to ensure they are in good working order and fault-free.

• Remember to unplug tree lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

For more information on Michigan's Christmas tree industry, visit MDA's Web site at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) or contact the Michigan Christmas Tree Association at 800-589-TREE or at [www.mcta.org](http://www.mcta.org).

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## Michelson Singers to present concert

The Michelson Singers will present their annual concert on Monday evening, Dec. 11, at the Rialto Theatre. Admission is \$5 per person. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Michelson Singers are a group of 12 vocalists and instrumentalists who have been performing together for about 18 years without interruption.

Originally organized as an adjunct group for the Chancel Choir at Michelson Church, the group has gone on to become a performing group that has traveled extensively performing concerts in Europe as well as across the United States. Money generated by concerts and performances is used to offset the travel expenses of the group.

## MILITARY NEWS



Timothy P. Reinholz was promoted to Sergeant First Class. Pictured above are from L to R: Randi, Mrs. Cory and Sgt. First class Timothy P. Reinholz, and Nichole.

Timothy P. Reinholz of Roscommon, was recently promoted from Staff Sergeant to Sergeant First Class during a brief ceremony at Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center. His wife, Cory pinned his new rank. Their daughters, Nichole and Randi attend Roscommon High School and were present for the ceremony. Sergeant First Class Reinholz is the new Operations Sergeant in Operations and Range Control full time at Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center.

## 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

### Sentencings for November 2006

#### Hon. Janet M. Allen

Christopher Michael Thompson, age 34 of Grayling - Pled guilty on July 31, 2006 to controlled substance-operating/maintaining; sentenced on Nov. 13, 2006 to serve 271 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Jerry Lee Elekonich, age 55 of Grayling - Pled no contest to police-fleeing-fourth-degree, operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se and operator's license

suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate-second-offense; sentenced to serve 90 days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$180 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Joseph Steven Roby, age 19 of Grayling - Pled guilty on Oct.

9, 2006 to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on Nov. 13, 2006 to serve 10 months in jail with credit for five days served; ordered to pay \$1,296 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Linda Marlene Brendel, age 54 of Kalkaska - Pled guilty on Sept. 21, 2006 for controlled substance possession of marijuana-second offense; sentenced on Nov. 13, 2006 to serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee; placed on probation for 12 months.

#### Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Karl Leonard Isenhauer III, age 26 of Houghton Lake - Pled guilty on Oct. 5, 2006 to larceny building; sentenced on Nov. 9, 2006 to served eight months in jail with credit for 14 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$220 restitution, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Dec. 7 - 13 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will conduct live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Dec. 7 - 9 and Dec 11 - 13.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd., and on the east by Carrier Rd. Dec. 13.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until

three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Devereaux Memorial Library

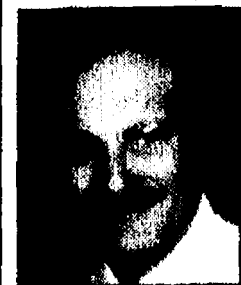
A special library event, Week Before Christmas Family Celebration, will take place on Thursday, December 14, starting at 7 p.m., at Devereaux Memorial Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling

Cozy up to our fireplace, hear holiday tales and enjoy the wonderful world of Oz with Dorothy and her friends. Special appearance of Gordon the Magician. All ages welcomed; be sure to wear your nightgown or p.j.'s (children and adults too!).

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# Basketball team begins new season with games this week

## Varsity squad will have six returning seniors, five juniors, and two sophomores

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team, which begins its 2006-07 season with games this week, has 13 players overall – six returning seniors, five juniors, and two sophomores.

The team's head coach, Rich Moffit, is back for his 13th season with the Vikings. Butch Hayes, who's coached basketball at GHS for 34 years, returns as a varsity assistant. Chris Kucharek (JV coach), Ryan Fritz (freshman coach), and former Viking basketball player Bobby Starks will also serve as assistant coaches.

This year's team members, starting with the six seniors, are listed below, with brief scouting reports from Coach Moffit:

Jim Boylan – 6'8" senior forward – "Averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds in last year's, tourney. Signed with Ferris State University. Strong, aggressive kid who attacks the offensive and defensive glass. Has

improved a ton offensively in the post. Tough kid."

Steve Hodge – 5'10" senior point guard – "Averaged six points and four assists a game last year. Improved a ton over the summer. Steve is one of the best passers that we have had at Grayling. Strong kid who can knock down the outside jumper or finish at the rim."

Mike Boylan – 6'10" senior center – "Averaged six rebounds per game last year. Has improved immensely over the summer. Hits the boards hard and has added a number of offensive moves in the post to his game."

Jeremiah Bootz – 6'4" senior forward – "Big strong kid who plays very aggressive at both ends of the court. Does a solid job in the paint offensively. Will be a factor with the Vikings this year."

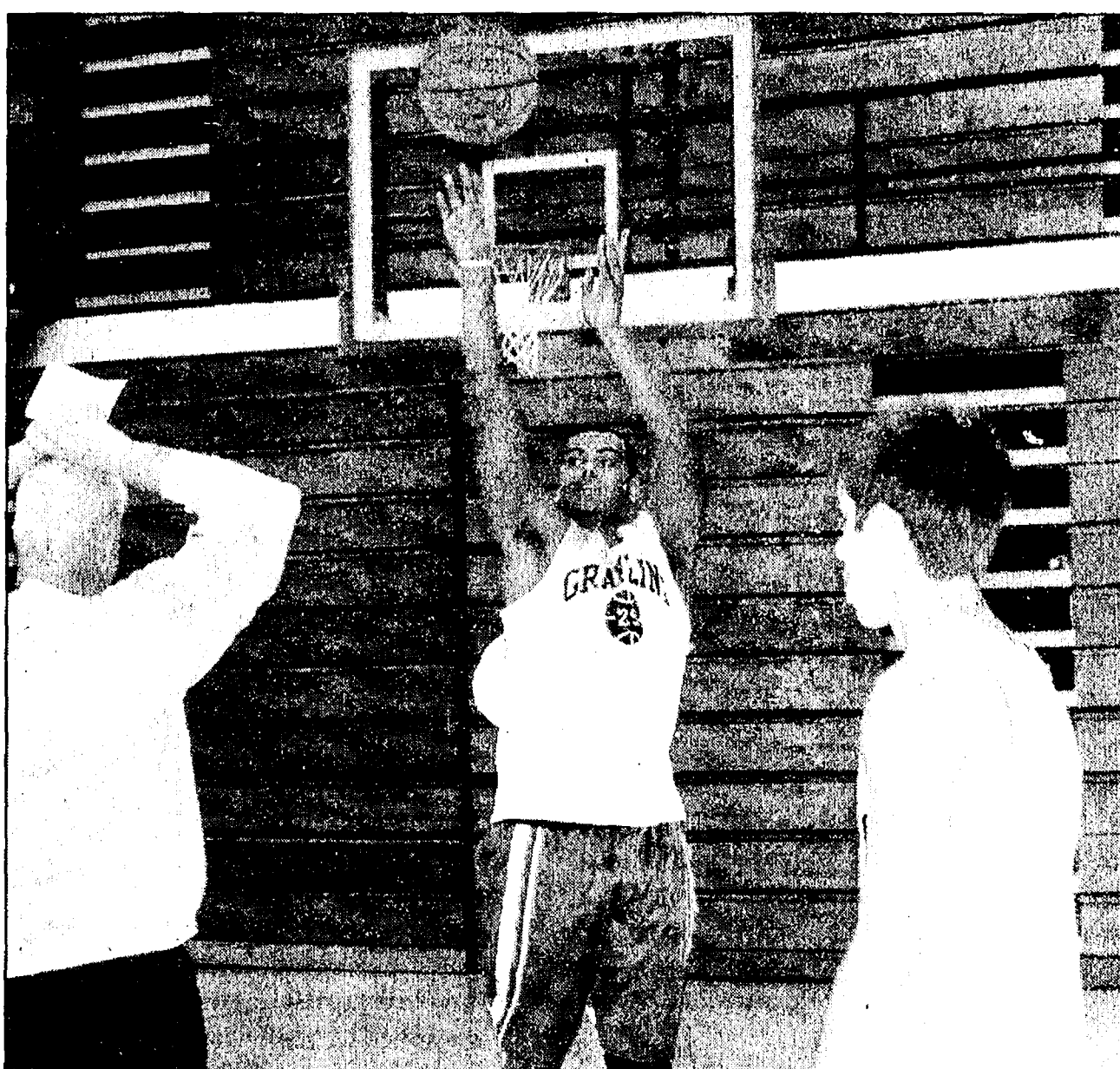
Nick Parkinson – 6'0" senior forward – "Athletic kid who may be the best defensive player on the team. Runs the court well in transition and hits the boards hard."

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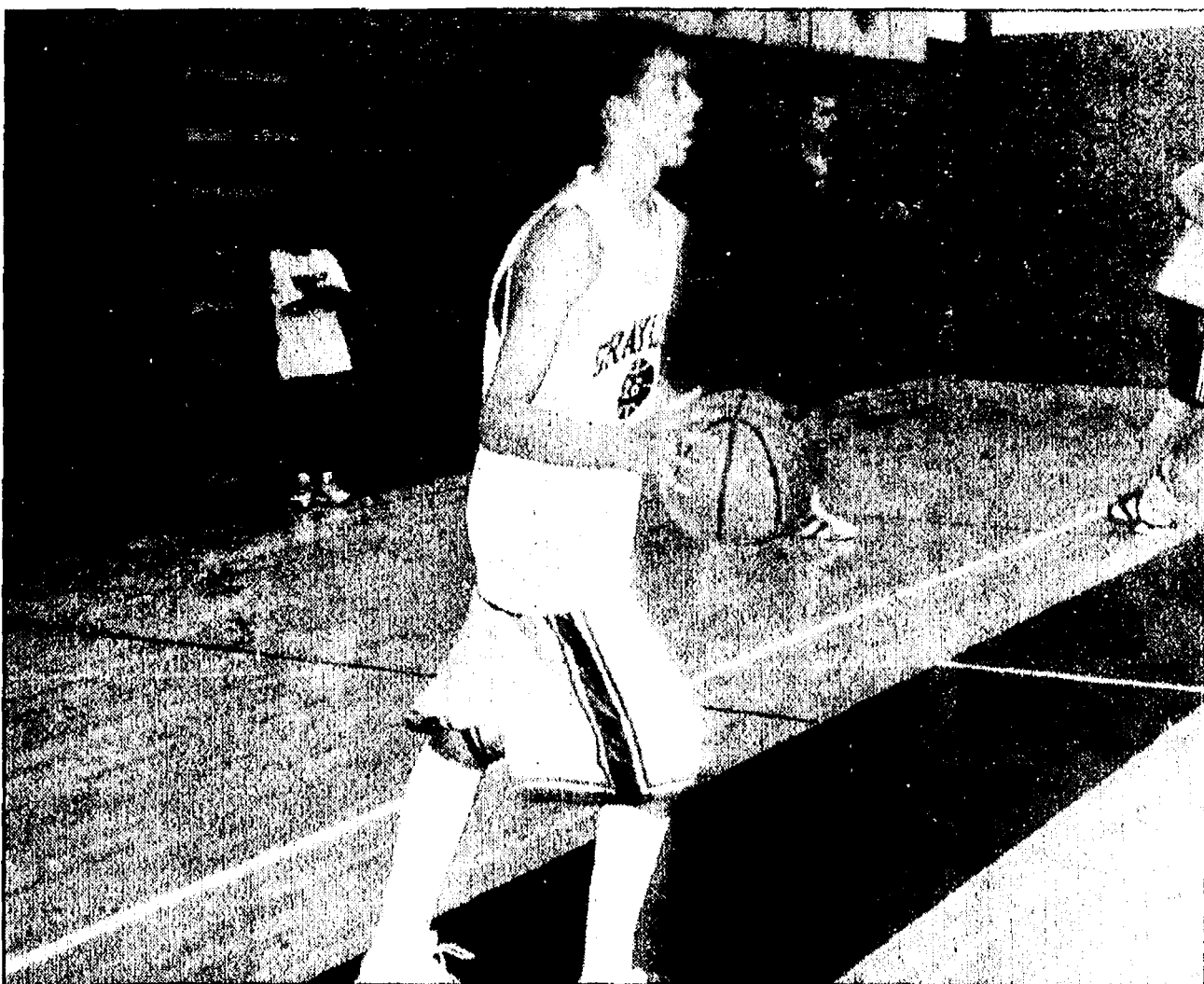
Jason Drudge dribbles the ball while Richard Schreiber plays defense during last Monday's GHS varsity boys basketball practice.



Steve Hodge takes a jump shot for the Vikings at a recent practice.



Rocky McNamara (right) handles the ball while Spencer Dean (left) defends.



Richard Schreiber brings the ball up the court at practice.



Josh Stapleton (left) and Matt McDonald (right) battle for a ball at practice.



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Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.		
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.		

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\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

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Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting: Julie Dean @ 348-8215

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Scheduled For December 2006

**Trip #1**  
Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
Victories Casino, Petoskey  
Departing Center at 8:30 a.m.

**Trip #2**  
Thursday, December 7, 2006  
"Out to Lunch Gang" Traverse City  
Lunch at the Olive Garden and shopping at the Grand Traverse Mall  
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.

**Trip #3**  
Thursday, December 14, 2006  
"Out to Lunch Gang" Traverse City  
Dinner at the Trillium Restaurant at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa and a Christmas Musical.  
Departing the Center at 4:30 p.m.  
Contact Eloise at the Senior Center for more information. 348-7123

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging  
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# Viking wrestlers prepare to defend league title

## Grayling High School's 2006-07 wrestling team has 'good numbers': 23

The GHS wrestling team, which opened its 2006-07 season with a series of meets this week, is hoping to repeat as league champions this season and work towards a district championship.

This year's squad has 23 wrestlers – two seniors, eight juniors, eight sophomores, and four freshmen.

"We have good numbers, a lot

of guys," said Coach Joe Ferrigan, who returns for his second season as head coach. "They're all working their tails off. We're trying to repeat as conference champions. We were undefeated in the conference last year, and we hope to do that again. Last year our goal was to win a conference championship – this year we want to win a conference title and a district title. We're trying to climb the ladder."

Coach Ferrigan said a few of his key wrestlers include:

Steven Grove (130-135), team captain – "We're looking for big things out Steven Grove. He's going to be one of our leaders," Coach Ferrigan said.

Cody Collen (140), team captain – "He's going to do really well this year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Cody Malone (145), team captain – Coach Ferrigan said Malone should be a strong contender for a state finals berth this year. "Solid 145-pound wrestler. I'd look for him to be really good this year," he said.

Dan CdeBaca (heavyweight) – "Dan is going to do really well," Coach Ferrigan said.

Eric Madill (171) – Coach Ferrigan said Madill could be a strong wrestler for GHS this year, since in the past he has consistently wrestled against heavier opponents and had success. "This year he's going to wrestle at 171, and he weighs 171," he said.

The Vikings will host Rogers City and Petoskey at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at Grayling Middle School.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

**Men's Team**

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team won its second game in as many days at the Can-Am Classic hosted by Alpena Community College by dominating Sault College, 102-68, on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Kirtland (5-2 overall) won its first-round clash of the annual basketball tournament on Friday, Dec. 1, defeating Algoma University, 85-66.

The Firebirds struggled against Sault College in the first half on Saturday, trailing the Cougars at intermission, 39-38.

"We played very, very poorly in the first half," said Kirtland head coach Glen Donahue. "We missed a lot of layups and didn't put together a very good half."

But Kirtland revved up its attack at both ends of the floor in the second half and outscored the Cougars, 64-29, after the break.

"In the second half, our (defensive) pressure and our fast break worked well," Donahue said. "And the Sault had a limited number of players available, so fatigue for them was a factor. All three worked in combination."

"I was happy with the second half," he added.

Kirtland's effort was led by freshman forward Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) with 29 points and 4 steals. Sophomore forward Sal Kabara (Elden Academy) added 21 points, and freshman forward Leroy Allen (Henry Ford Academy) chipped in 12 points. Each grabbed 8 rebounds in Saturday's win.

Other key contributors for the Firebirds included: freshman forward James Conway (Gaylord) with 9 points, 5 rebounds and a team-high 4 blocked shots; freshman forward Jerry Follet (Northwestern, MD) with 8 points and 7 rebounds; freshman forward George Shobola (Divine Child) with 6 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals; sophomore guard Matt Tompkins (Fairview) with 6 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists; and sophomore forward Brian Suchowesky (Houghton Lake) and freshman guard Travis Lynn (Brimley) with 4 assists each. Lynn also pulled down 5 boards in the win.

"It was a team victory," Donahue said.

Kirtland improved to 4-2 overall on the 2006-07 season by topping Algoma University, 85-66, in the Firebirds' first game of the Can-Am Classic on Friday, Dec. 1.

"We just gradually built a lead," Donahue said. "We played well and gradually beat them one play at a time."

"Algoma was a very good team," he added. "They've had a good season in Canada so far, and they're one of the better teams there."

Allen led the Firebirds with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Kabara chipped in with 18 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

Three other Kirtland cagers also scored in double digits in Friday night's win, including: Christian with 12 points, 5 rebounds 3 assists and 2 steals; Follet with 10 points and 5 rebounds; and Conway with 10 points and 4 rebounds. Tompkins added to the winning effort for Kirtland by hauling in 5 rebounds.

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The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team would like to have kept celebrating Thanksgiving a little bit longer, but host Muskegon Community College ended the festivities with an 81-78 win in the championship game of its Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 25.

"We got behind early and didn't catch up till the end of the game," said Kirtland head coach Glen Donahue.

The Firebirds (3-2 overall) trailed at halftime, 37-29.

Freshman forward Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) led the Kirtland attack with 19 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists, while fellow Firebird forwards Sal Kabara (sophomore, Elden Academy) and Leroy Allen (freshman, Henry Ford Academy) each chipped in 15 points. Kabara also pulled down 10 boards.

Other contributors for Kirtland included: freshman forward George Shobola (Divine Child) with 10 points and 2 rebounds; freshman forward Jerry Follet (Northwestern, MD) with 9 points, a team-high 11 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot; sophomore guard Matt Tompkins (Fairview) with 9 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist; and freshman guard Travis Lynn (Brimley) with 1 point, 4 rebounds and 4 assists.

With Kirtland outrebounding Muskegon (42 to 38), Donahue said a key factor in the game might have been the disparity in free-throw attempts. The home team shot 23-of-34 at the charity

stripe, hitting one more free throw than the Firebirds, who were 13-of-22 at the line, even attempted.

But Donahue added that, if his team had executed better, Kirtland most likely would have brought a tournament championship back home to Roscommon.

"If we execute, we're golden," he said.

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A balanced scoring effort helped Kirtland overcome a tough first half and top Delta College, 94-90, in a first-round matchup of the Muskegon Community College Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday, Nov. 24.

"We came back late in the game to get the win," said Donahue, whose team battled back to overcome a 49-34 half-time deficit.

Six Firebirds scored in double digits, with Kabara hitting for a team-high 22 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Shobola and Tompkins both chipped in 16 points in Friday's win, with Shobola grabbing 6 boards and Tompkins coming away with 3 steals. Christian posted a solid all-round effort with 15 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

Also scoring in double digits for Kirtland were Follet with 14 points and 6 rebounds, and Allen with 10 points. Sophomore forward Brian Suchowesky (Houghton Lake) handed out 3 assists for the Firebirds.

"We had good balance," Donahue said.

For more information on KCC athletic programs, call 989-275-5000, extension 385, or visit online at firebirds.kirtland.edu.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

**Recreation League**

Hawk Ridge Golf ..... 34 - 18  
American Legion ..... 29 - 23  
Gale Enterprises ..... 26.5 - 25.5  
Grayling Manf Housing. 25 - 27  
Mickey Perez CPA ..... 25 - 27  
Glen's Market ..... 23.5 - 28.5

Days Inn ..... 22.5 - 29.5  
Woody Girls ..... 22.5 - 29.5  
High Series: M. Starks, 599; B. Wheeler, 549; L. Seibert, 514.  
High Game: M. Starks, 222; D. Mead, 204; B. Wheeler, 195.

**Friday Mixed Doubles**

Poopsie Pin Pounders.30.5 - 21.5  
American Legion ..... 30 - 22  
New "Kids" ..... 27.5 - 24.5  
G.L. Hauling ..... 27 - 25  
Great Lakes Roofing ..... 27 - 25  
Collen & Starks ..... 25 - 27  
Moshier Auto Repair ..... 23 - 29  
Foreget About It ..... 18 - 34  
High Series Men: D. Wallace, 594; D. Williamson, 553; R. Moshier, 526. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 225; D. Wallace, 217; T. Collen, 212. High Series Women: M. Cole, 515; J. Williamson, 512, R. Collen, 498. High Game Women: M. Cole, 228; M. Starks, 190; R. Collen, 181.

**Senior Bowling**

Grayling Pharmacy ..... 41.5 - 10.5  
Bear's Den Pizza ..... 29.5 - 22.5  
Kickin Grass ..... 27 - 25  
Flowers By Josie ..... 25 - 27  
Gaylord Electric. .... 23 - 29  
Spike's ..... 22.5 - 29.5  
Sylvester's ..... 22 - 30

Lone Pine ..... 17.5 - 34.5  
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 510; C. Wyatt, 480; C. Clark, 456. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 180; P. Gillies, 178; C. Clark, 176. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 552; K. Harris, 551; J. Campbell, 512. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 225; L. Crampton, 197; K. Harris, 193.

**Pioneer League**

Grayling Rest ..... 28 - 20  
T. C. Lawncare. .... 27 - 21  
McDonald's ..... 26 - 22  
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## POOL LEAGUE

**Women's Standings**

Frederic Inn ..... 82  
Two Track I ..... 74  
Holiday Inn ..... 68  
Two Track II ..... 60  
Sawmill ..... 58  
Growlers Pub ..... 47  
Legion ..... 43

5 Ball Runs: Rose and Siss (Frederic Inn); 7 Ball Run: Melonie (Holiday Inn).

**Men's Standings**

Two Track I ..... 82  
Sawmill II ..... 73  
Legion ..... 73  
Riverside ..... 49

Growlers ..... 43  
Two Track II ..... 40  
Holiday Inn ..... 39  
Sawmill I ..... 29  
8 Ball Run: Tom W. (Legion), Rex (Two Track), Jamie I. (Holiday Inn). Won all Six: Rex and Curt, John and Kip (Two Track).





Nick Parkinson looks to shoot while Jason Drudge plays defense at a recent varsity boys basketball practice at Grayling High School.

## Basketball team begins new season with games this week

Continued from Page 1B

Justin Summers – 5'11" senior guard/forward – "Improving every day. A good slasher who can finish at the rim. Plays with energy."

Rich Schreiber – 5'10" junior guard – "Has improved his ball handling and is a solid player. Can knock down the outside shot."

Trent Larm – 5'11" sophomore guard/forward – "Outstanding stand-up shooter. Plays aggressively at both ends of the court."

Jason Drudge – 5'10" junior guard – "Very quick kid who runs very well in transition. One of the top defensive players on the team."

Rocky McNamara – 6'1" junior forward – "Deceptively quick, wiry kid who plays at his best when he takes the ball to the rim. Good mid-range jump shooter."

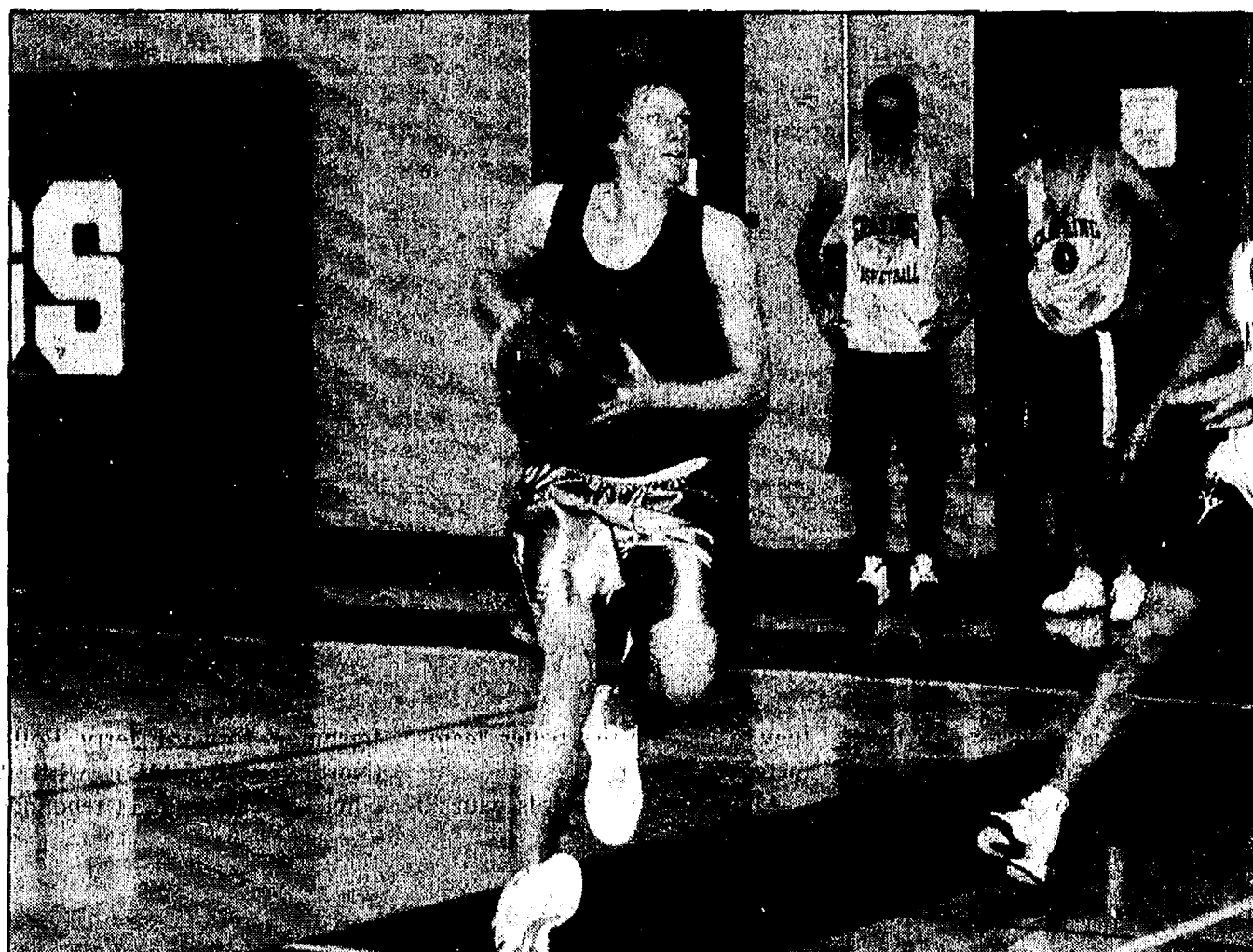
Spencer Dean – 6'5" sophomore forward – "Solid ball handler who can finish at the rim and is a solid passer in transition."

Josh Stapleton – 5'10" junior guard – "Good outside shooter and scrappy defensive player."

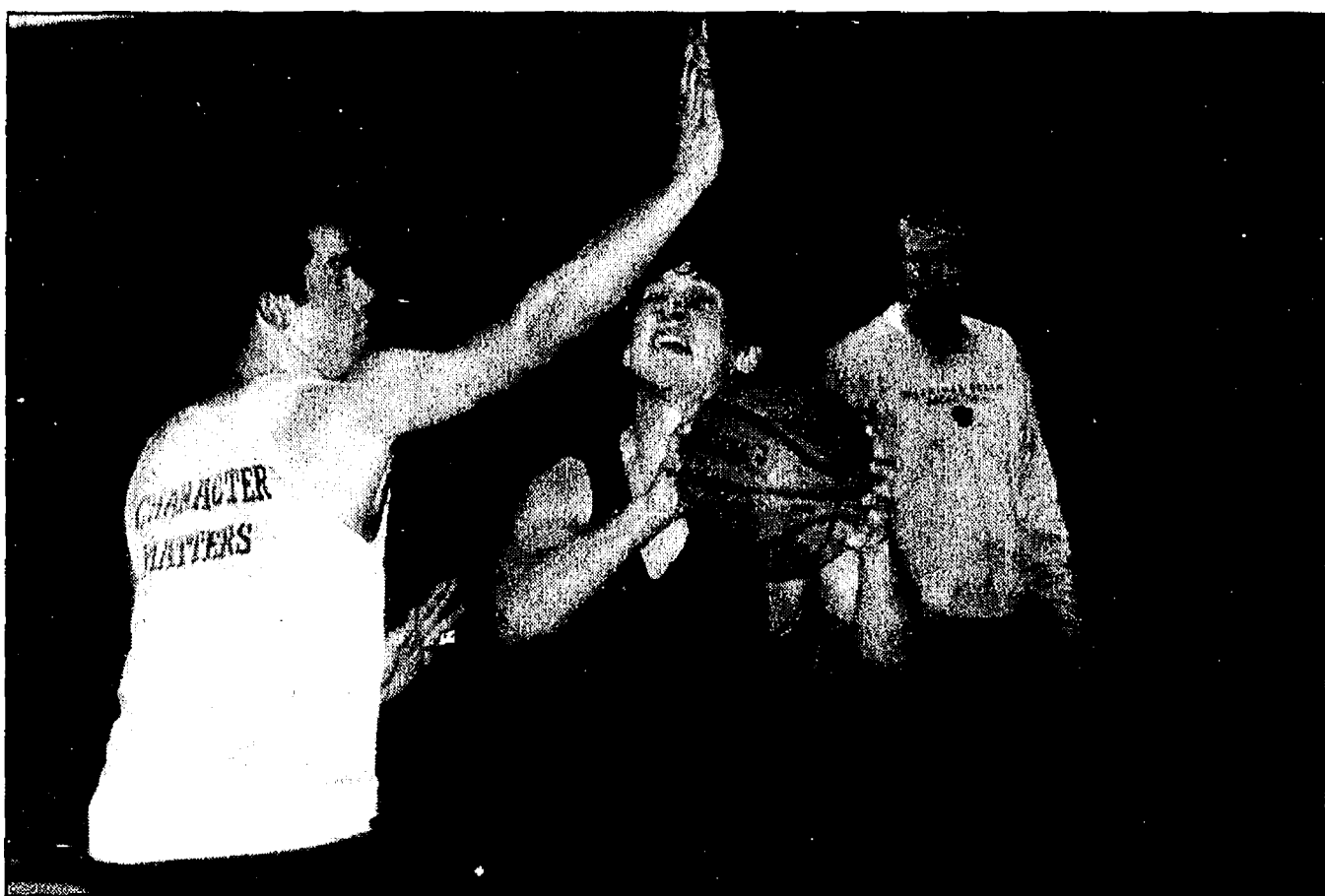
Matt McDonald – 6'1" junior forward – "Good defensive player in the paint. Plays with heart."

"We have the potential to be a good team," Coach Moffit said. "We have a solid core of players coming back who had some experience in big games last year. Our kids have been working their tails off in practice and as a result we have improved a ton. Defense has to be a staple for this team this year. We are going to attack people defensively and play aggressively on the boards. Offensively, we have to play unselfishly and get the ball to our scorers in areas where they can be successful."

"Our conference should be very balanced this year. Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis have solid programs and should be the favorites. East Jordan, Harbor Springs,



Rocky McNamara drives to the basket at practice on Monday.



Matt McDonald (right) works against Nick Parkinson (left) at practice.

Kalkaska, Boyne City, and Elk Rapids could all challenge also. If we improve during the season and stay injury-free, we could be in the hunt at the end of the season," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings play at Gaylord on Friday, Dec. 8. On Friday, Dec. 15, Grayling will host Boyne City in the squad's first Lake Michigan Conference contest of the 2006-07 season.



Spencer Dean dribbles the ball during a scrimmage drill at practice.

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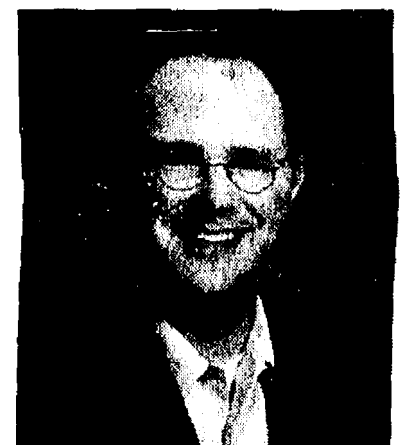
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## Trail use access, conflicts divide recreation groups

by John Bronz  
 Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan outdoor recreation groups are getting new trails on public and private land, but they can't get along.

The North Country Trail Association (NCTA), the Michigan Mountain Biking Association and Michigan Horse Council all want new trails. But the NCTA's goal of foot traffic only differs from the latter two.

"The North Country Trail is designed to be a foot path and we prefer it to be that way," said Jennifer Tripp, director of development and communications for the NCTA.

Some local associations that repair the North Country Trail said they are repairing the damage caused by horses.

"One horse ride can destroy a thousand man hours of work on certain soil types," said John Heiam, president of the Grand Traverse Hiking Club Chapter of the NCTA. "We ought to have a law that is more flexible if you have a soil type, like sand, that is easily damaged by horses, especially when there is a parallel trail through the woods."

But the biking association, based in Waterford, and the horse-riders group, based in Lansing, both disagree about the cause of trail deterioration.

Todd Scott, executive director of the biking association, said trails are improperly designed when they run straight down a hill and collect water, which causes erosion.

"We work with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) so trails shed water and are not built in low areas where water can pool," said Scott.

Marilyn Graff, communications chair and horse expo for the horse-riders group agreed

with Scott that trails should be properly designed. The council sponsors a seminar with Gene Wood of Clemson University. Who recommends avoiding steep fire lines, ridgelines or rights-of-way and avoiding wildlife food plots and ecologically sensitive areas when creating horse trails.

"The future lies in shared-use trails because there is not enough land for everyone to have a trail," said Graff. "It's unfair to say that horses damage trails because we help redesign trails and have volunteers that repair trails."

The groups continually search for new trails not only on public land, but private land too.

On public land, the users must get approval by the agency that owns it.

For example the NCTA must have DNR approval because it could impact future logging operations, and they must put back what is destroyed, said Heiam. In some instances a small buffer area is needed.

Scott said, "We are the new stewards of the woods and we are stepping up."

The horse-riders group is fighting to regain trails that have been placed off limits, said Graff.

The longest horse trail in the state is the 220-mile Shore-to-Shore Trail, which runs between Empire in western Michigan and Oscoda in eastern Michigan.

Meanwhile, hikers and bikers are working with private property owners to develop new trails.

A private landowner along the Manistee River, Fred Sprague, sought out The Grand Traverse Hiking Club, and is working with other landowners to reach an agreement with NCTA for temporary access across their property.

"I've had to coordinate my property and property of two

other property owners and myself and one of the property owners have already got our trail use agreements turned in. The other property owner hasn't turned his in yet," said Sprague. "I don't think there is a problem. He is waiting to get questions answered."

However, users prefer easements that are written into deeds.

Heiam said, "If six months down the road the land owner doesn't want the trail on his land or the land is sold the agreement is null and void."

West Michigan's North Country Trail Chapter is seeking access to private land, but not having the same success.

"We are trying to arrange a meeting with landowners in Grand Rapids," said Chuck Vanette, president of the chapter. "The only problem is we have been unsuccessful because it's difficult to get landowners together."

The mountain bike group is completing a 17-mile trail near Frankfort. Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy owns land, and allows a multi-use trail, said Scott.

Congress authorized the North Country Trail in 1980. Currently 2,300 miles are open, and when completed the trail will be the longest in America at 4,600 miles, according to Tripp. NCTA's goal is to provide users a diversity of environment, history and culture.

The route enters Michigan in Hillsdale County and crosses Calhoun, Barry and Kent counties. It then heads through the Huron-Manistee Forest and Pere Marquette State Forest and north across the Upper Peninsula.

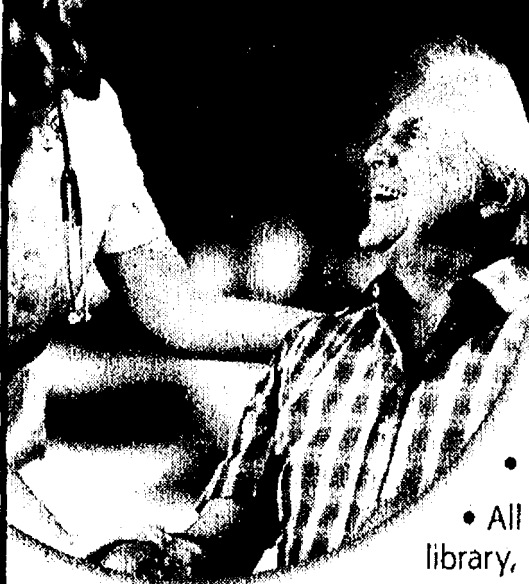
"Our biggest problem is getting notoriety," said Tripp. "No one has heard of us, so we tell them it's like the Appalachian Trail but much, much longer."

## HUNTING



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# LEGAL ACTION

## FORECLOSURE

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: David P. Williams and Laura M. Williams, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded August 20, 2004 in Liber 671 Page 86 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Household Finance Corp III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$157,606.46) including interest 8.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 3, 2007. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 180, Ausable Woods Number 5, according to the recorded plat

thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 3038 West Jones Lake Road, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: NOVEMBER 15, 2006 Household Finance Corp III, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-58785(HSBC) ASAP# 804166 11/23/2006, 11/30/2006, 12/07/2006, 12/14/2006, 12/21/2006 -23-30-7-14-21

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vickie R. Odden and

Timothy Odden, wife and husband, as tenants by the entirety, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded August 5, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 573, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$65,883.75) including interest at 9.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 10, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North one-half of the North one-half of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8 Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee

can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 7, 2006  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heidi J. Smock, a single woman, to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2004 and recorded June 15, 2004 in Liber 669, Page 77, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 98/100 Dollars (\$41,972.98) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 10, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2, of Hadley's Second Addition, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Joyce Harland and Paul J. Harland, Wife and Husband to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 19, 2004 and recorded August 2, 2004 in Liber 670 Page 716 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2004 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WHQ1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$102,640.92) including interest 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: NOVEMBER 30, 2006  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2004 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by **Tammy A. Jackson, an unmarried individual, of 8153 North M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653**, Mortgagee, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on August 24, 2000, at Liber 516 pages 108115, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and 25/100 (\$58,850.25) Dollars, including interest at 6.9% percent per annum.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in the mortgage, to pay the total amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

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Dated: November 30, 2006  
JUA'REZ & JUA'REZ, PC, Attorneys for Mortgagee  
132 South Eighth,  
West Branch, MI 48661  
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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO: 06-7125-CH  
C.F. FICK & SONS, INC.  
Plaintiff,  
vs  
MARJORIE P. WALKER, and/or the heirs, assigns and devisees of Marjorie P. Walker  
Defendants.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.  
By: Richard J. Jaskowski P47123  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-5232

**ORDER TO ANSWER**  
At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling  
County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 27th day of October, 2006  
**PRESENT** Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
Circuit Court Judge  
TO: Marjorie P. Walker, and/or her heirs, assigns and devisees:  
1. An action has been filed against you regarding certain real estate in Crawford County, Michigan.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a Judgement by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 10/27/06  
DENNIS F. MURPHY  
P31907  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
Circuit Court Judge  
-30-7-14-21

## Volunteers needed at Recycling Center

Grayling Township is looking for people who may wish to volunteer time working at the recycling center on North Down River Road. All hours worked can count towards graduation requirements for students, and will satisfy mandatory community service requirements for persons on court probation.

Volunteers will work with a small team of employees sorting and baling recyclables and waiting on the public when they drop off items to be recycled. Any number of hours per week, from 8-to-48, are available for work.

Grayling Township is dedicated to recycling as an earth-friendly service which saves our natural resources and keeps reusable items out of our landfills. Since 1997, the Grayling Township Recycling Center has sent more than 8-million pounds of recyclable items back to markets for remanufacturing.

Interested persons may contact John Wotring at (89) 348-3195 at the recycling center, or Terry Wright at (989) 348-4361 at Grayling Township.

## 2007 Grayling Township trash compactor permits are now available at the town hall during normal business hours and also sold 10/21 at the GRC from 9-3pm

### \$50

Good from date of purchase through 12/31/07

This fee subsidizes approximately 50% of the total cost of refuse disposal and excludes recycling costs. All costs for recycling and the balance of refuse disposal cost are paid through the township general fund. Grayling Township receives 1-mill of your total tax dollars for operating costs, including all general fund expenses.

The new permits will be required after 12/31/06  
Stop at the town hall and purchase your permit,  
or send your \$50 check to:  
Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs/Michigan Army National Guard Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center Notice of Availability of Draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

The Michigan Army National Guard (MIARNG) and the National Guard Bureau propose to implement a revised 5-year Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), which is consistent with the training mission of the MIARNG while managing and enhancing the natural resources at the Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, a Record of Environmental Consideration has been prepared for this revised plan to supplement the Environmental Assessment prepared for the original INRMP that was issued in November of 2001. The draft INRMP will be available for review on December 11, 2006 at the following locations:

Department of Military Affairs  
Environmental Office  
2500 S. Washington Ave  
Lansing, MI 48913  
8 AM - 4 PM, Mon. - Fri.

Camp Grayling Environmental Office  
Building 30  
Camp Grayling, MI. 49739  
8 AM - 4 PM, Mon. - Fri.

Crawford County Library  
201 Plum Street  
Grayling, MI 49738  
10 AM - 7 PM, Mon. - Thurs.  
10 AM - 6 PM, Fri. and 10 AM - 2 PM, Sat.

To ensure all concerns are considered, public comments are being solicited. Written comments or questions may be submitted to the address below. Written comments will be accepted until December 27, 2006.

Written comments should be sent to:

Mr. John W. Hunt  
Environmental Office  
Building 30  
Camp Grayling Michigan 49739  
(989) 344-6176

## BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Due to the death of Trustee Linda Little, the Beaver Creek Township Board will be accepting letters of interest from township residents who would like to be appointed to the remaining position through November 2008. The deadline is December 22, 2006.

Please send your letter of interest to:  
Beaver Creek Township Board  
8888 S. Grayling Road  
Grayling, MI 49738

If you have any questions, please call 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

## Grayling Township Planning Commission to meet

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will meet in public session on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear the following request:

### Case # 06-04SU

Petitioner: Camp AuSable (Robt. Gustafson)  
Address: 2590 Camp AuSable Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Local Address: Same  
Property ID# 040-41-016-01-020-00  
Parcel size: 305 acres  
Zoning: Deferred Development

Request: Transfer auto dealership license from Cedar Lake, MI to Camp AuSable for Seventh Day Adventist Great Lakes Donation Center to be used for temporary storage, repair and sales of donated vehicles. No vehicles will be visible from highway M-72.

Text and maps of request are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator



## LEGAL ACTION

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

#### REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006 1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Akers at 7:32 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance  
Mayor Akers asked for a moment of silence prior to the Pledge of Allegiance to honor the veterans in recognition of Veteran's Day.

III. Roll Call  
Members Present: Larry Akers, Roger Moshier, Kim McClain, Kim Millikin, Tom Wellman

Members Absent: None  
Also in Attendance: David A. Thayer, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Michele Steffey, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Dave Sabin, Gerald Respecki, Rodney Kemp, Gaia Gilliland, John Alef

IV. Approval of Agenda  
06-259

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to approve the agenda as presented:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2006

B. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2006

C. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2006

D. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2006

E. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 30, 2006

F. City Council Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2006

G. Change Order No. 2 For AuSable River Park Project

H. Street Use Permit for GUDA - Christmas Parade - November 18, 2006

I. Seasonal Use/Street Use Permit for GUDA - Annual Christmas Walk - November 18, 2006

06-260

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to approve the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VI. Public Comment

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

- Sheriff Wakefield
- Gerald Respecki

VII. City Manager Report

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues:

- Reformatted Agenda
- City Council Member Mailboxes
- Purpose of City Manager's Report
- Fire Department Awarded Homeland Security Grant
- USDA Grant/Loan for Fire and Police Equipment
- Process for Budget recommendations for 2008
- Rotary Membership

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Michigan Avenue - Burton Court CDBG ICE Grant Formal Application

06-261

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to adopt the Authorizing resolution for the CDBG ICE Grant as presented (see attached resolution):

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

06-262

Moved by Millikin, seconded by Wellman to amend the agenda to go into a closed session:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Akers, McClain, Millikin, Moshier, Wellman, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IX. New Business

A. Street Administrator Appointment

06-263

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to appoint David A. Thayer as the Street Administrator for the City of Grayling:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

06-264

Moved by Millikin, seconded by Moshier to approve the City Manager's appointment of Loren Goodale III to the DDA for the remainder of a term expiring on July 01, 2010:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

C. Planning Commission Member Appointments

06-265

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to approve the Mayor's appointment of Lawrence W. Nielson to the Planning Commission for the remainder of a term expiring on January 1, 2007 and a re-appointment for a 3-year term expiring on January 1, 2010:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

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06-267

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to approve the Mayor's appointment of Steve Anderson to the Planning Commission for the remainder of a term expiring on January 1, 2009:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

D. Housing Commission Member Appointment

06-268

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Millikin to appoint Lola "Sally" Hartig to the Housing Commission for the remainder of a term expiring on January 1, 2010:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

E. Resolution Authorizing Signatures for General Business

06-269

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to approve the Resolution Authorizing Signatures For General Business as presented (see attached resolution):

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

X. Reports

A. Financial Report for September 2006

B. Police Department Report for October 2006

C. Fire Department Report for August 2006 / September 2006

D. Planning Commission Report and Minutes Dated October 17, 2006

E. Parks & Recreation Committee Report and Minutes Dated September 20, 2006 / October 18, 2006

06-270

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to pay Kenmark \$500 to put Santa and his reindeer back on the Crime Lab:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

F. DDA Report and Minutes Dated September 28, 2006 / October 12, 2006

G. Housing Commission Report

XI. Public Comment

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

- Kim McClain
- Kim Millikin
- Dave Sabin, City Attorney

XIII. Correspondence

A. Thank You Letter from Phillip Belcher

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E. Duane Nimke's Letter of Resignation from Planning Commission

06-271

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to go into a "Closed Session" for the purpose of a strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment

06-272

Moved by Wellman that the meeting is adjourned; Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier  
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06-26

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sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 3, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter lying East of US-HWY 27, except the North 982.71 feet thereof, Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West. Also the West 328 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, except the North 982.71 feet thereof Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 30, 2006  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 269.1019  
-30-7-14-21

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William M Green and Jodi L Green, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded March 1, 2001 in Liber 529, Page 415, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five and 08/100 Dollars (\$57,325.08) including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 3, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 256, Indian Glen's of the Ausable, Unit 5, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Renee Cross, A Single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2004, and recorded on July 20, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 195, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three And 64/100 Dollars (\$52,393.64), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 20, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south Line of Said Section which is 2003.00 feet, North 89 Degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said section; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, continuing on said South section line, 167.09 feet to the East line of interstate 75; thence North 07 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds West, on said East line, 264.71 feet thence south 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East, Parallel with said South Section line 206.55 feet; thence South 01 degrees 15 minutes 46 seconds West, Parallel with the East line of said section, 262.01 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to Highway use over the South 33.00 feet thereof and also subject to any other easements of record.

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
December 8, 1983

Fourteen out of 15 county officials said they don't want to take a voluntary pay cut offered by the board of commissioners. Commissioners earlier had sent a letter to 15 fifteen elected, appointed, and salaried county officials asking for reactions to a voluntary pay cut one day every pay period.

The switchboard at the Crawford County courthouse was lit up like a Christmas tree last Wednesday as more than 700 calls were received from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. concerning a public hearing on a K-Mart project proposal. Most callers said that they could not attend the hearing concerning issuance of limited bonds by the Crawford County Economic Development Corporation but wanted to let commissioners know how they felt about the K-Mart project. Approximately 700 callers left their name and address and stated that they supported K-Mart coming to Grayling. Two callers said they did not want K-Mart to come to Grayling.

United States Congressman Don Albosta met with Major General Vernon J. Andrews, the Adjutant General of Michigan, in Grayling to discuss a proposed railroad spur to Camp Grayling. The railroad spur would be used to supply a new \$2.2 million

logistical supply building at Camp Grayling and transport ammunition to a \$1 million ammunition supply point at the camp. The railroad line would also be used to move military combat vehicles out of Camp Grayling if the Michigan National Guard is mobilized.

Three Grayling High School girls basketball players earned honors. Heidi Bendig and Kris Laudenslager were named to the Michigan Huron Shores Conference first team and Karyn Reynolds received honorable mention.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved the sale of \$2.7 million in Economic Development Corporation bonds last Wednesday to finance the building of a K-Mart store in Grayling.

46 Years Ago  
December 8, 1960

A forest fire covering 80 acres in Crawford County on November 23 is a part of the unusual fall weather experienced this year. The afternoon before Thanksgiving, the Conservation Department was notified by an unidentified hunter of a fire located about a mile south of the Down River fire tower.

The AuSable Motel, Grayling, will receive national recognition in the new 1961 edition of the Duncan Hines Travel Book "Lodging for a Night" coming

out this month.

The final figures for the 1960 census for Crawford County and its division were released by the United States Department of Commerce. The 1960 total for Crawford County stands unchanged from the preliminary figure of 4,971. The official population figure for the City of Grayling is 2,015. Grayling Township has the next largest population in the county's divisions at 1,399. Frederic Township has a population of 514, Beaver Creek Township 419, South Branch Township 310, Maple Forest Township 204 and Lovells Township 110.

The Hotel Shoppenagons closed Sunday afternoon for extensive remodeling. Plans call for everything to be larger, including the dining room, lobby, the new kitchen, new offices, new coffee shop, rest rooms, and each hotel room to have its own private bath. The present Blue Room will remain open for business during the time that the hotel is closed for remodeling.

The Underground Forest All-Stars played their first road game and came through with a smashing upset victory defeating the Empire Air Force Base team 76 to 34. This is their third win of the season.

69 Years Ago  
December 9, 1937

Grayling and Alpena tangled Tuesday night in a basketball game upon the court of the Thunderbolts from the shores of the big lake, and after four peri-

ods of action, the boys from Grayling were forced to take the short end of a 17 to 20 score.

Miss Margaret Fyvie returned to her duties at the Grayling South Side School Monday, after having been absent since Thanksgiving due to the illness of her mother in McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robertson have moved into the N. Schjotz house on Spruce Street. This is one of the two houses that Mr. Schjotz has had remodeled from the old Insley house that he had moved back on his lot, having sold the property on Peninsular Avenue to the post office department where the new building now stands.

Sheriff Frank Bennett and Clarence Gross were in Ann Arbor Monday on business.

Monday morning saw the patrons of the local post office getting their mail at the new post office building.

92 Years Ago  
December 10, 1914

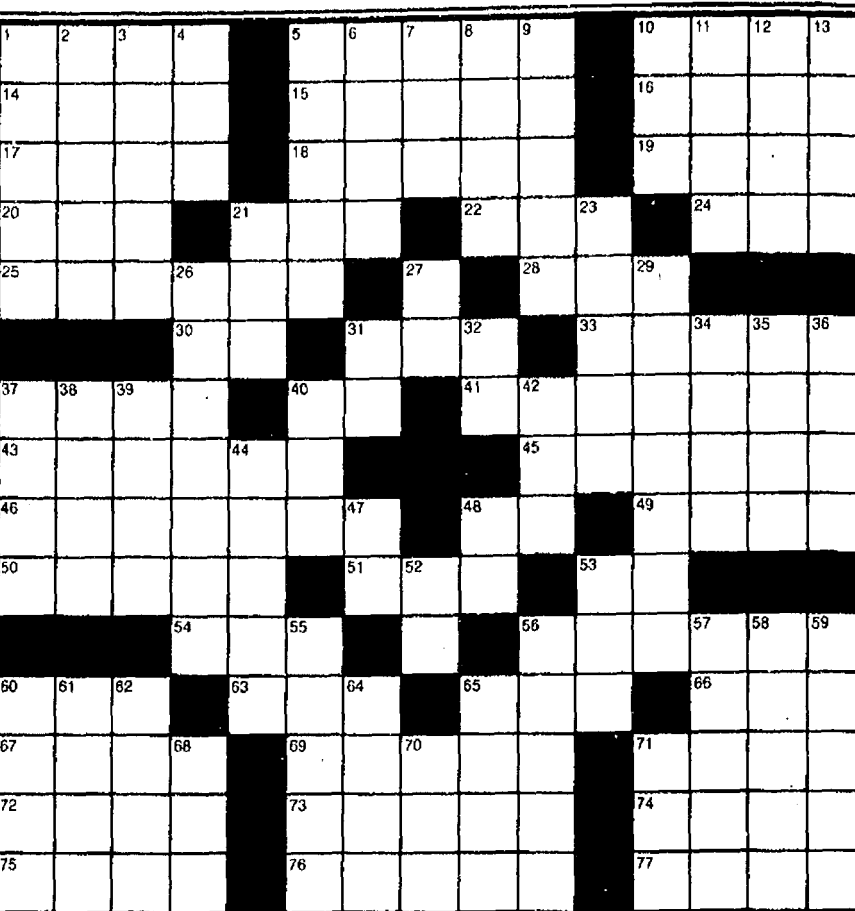
Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson are in Detroit this weekend doing some Christmas shopping.

Jerry Lovely closed his camp temporarily on account of not having any snow.

John Kelly and family have moved into the house on Chestnut Street belonging to Mrs. C.T. Jerome. The house has just been remodeled and is now one of the most modern and pleasant homes in Grayling.

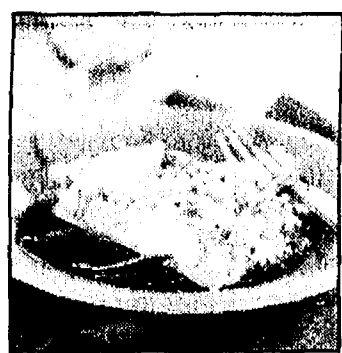
Miss Matilda Foley and Miss Marguerite Douglas of Lovells were visitors here on Sunday.

## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Holliman, actor.
  - Russian country house.
  - Territory of western Brazil bordering on Bolivia and Peru.
  - Dreary.
  - Nest of a large raptor.
  - Langeard, Danish composer.
  - Tierney, actress.
  - Parts of speech that are used to name a person, place or thing.
  - Relinquish control over.
  - Acronym for Experimental Aircraft Association.
  - Akkadian god of the moon.
  - Acronym for Tactical Operations Center.
  - ... m, sea salt.
  - Not often.
  - Platform from which spacecraft are launched.
  - Shot reaching at least as far as the hole.
  - Postan, actor.
  - Exactly opposed.
  - Principal pipe in a system used to distribute water.
  - Uproarious party.
  - Fleisty, pendulous part of the external human ear.
  - Hebrew name for God.
  - Flow in an irregular current with a bubbling noise.
  - Allows to remain in position.
  - Debut release of tabla player and music producer Talvin Singh.
  - Term for the remaining piece of a loaf of bread.
  - Standing partly or completely dead trees, often missing a top or most of the smaller branches.
  - Silly person.
  - Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet.
  - Late time of life.
  - Having a difficult, contrary disposition.
  - Slower, author.
  - Music project by Eric Levi that is often based around chants in an imaginary language close to Latin.
  - Utter in deep, prolonged tones.
  - Measure oneself against others.
  - Employed in accomplishing something.
  - Abbreviation of Undersea (undersea boat).
  - Linda Harrison's character in Planet of the Apes.
  - At an advanced age.
  - Sheree, actress.
  - Girls with great effort or strain.
  - Unit of money in China.
  - Supporting braces used for strength when two parts are joined.
  - Temporary shelter consisting of cloth and supported by at least one pole.
- Down
- Three outer extremities of the folded sections of a book.
  - gas tricae, gastric areas.
  - Relating to the kidneys.
  - Goldberg, TV producer.
  - Coarse, durable twill-weave cotton fabric.
  - Gloria Winship, animal trainer.
  - Raw.
  - Just detectable amount.
  - Greek author of fables.
  - Electrical conduction through a gas in an applied electric field.
  - Assists somebody by suggesting the next words of something forgotten.
  - Counsel.
  - Alfred William, veteran television anchorman.
  - Give a conciliatory gift to.
  - Island in the Bay of Naples.
  - Loose material used to fill spaces to prevent items from shifting during shipment.
  - Be contained in.
  - Superheroine in the DC Comics universe.
  - Expressing position in relation to a particular location, point or condition.
  - Decree of the Sumerian gods.
  - Slow pace of running.
  - Have the skills and qualifications to do things well.
  - One of the greatest thoroughbred race horses in history.
  - 2004 Russian film.
  - Important part of Yemen.
  - Tiny detectable amount.
  - Make a resonant sound, like artillery.
  - Autobot spacecraft in the fictional Transformers Universe.
  - Long, narrow passage, as in a cave.
  - Fifth note of a musical scale.
  - Denoting identity.
  - Instant or present moment as an indivisible wedge between past and future.
  - Heavy iron lever with one end forged into a wedge.
  - Someone who is intoxicated.
  - Commitments to tell the truth in a court of law.
  - Call forth.
  - Spill apart.
  - Single-celled fungi that reproduce asexually by budding.
  - At the proper time.
  - Elder son of Isaac and Rebekah.
  - Second letter of the Greek alphabet.
  - Christian Georges, French West Indies singer.
  - Don't.
  - Fifth Egyptian king of the First dynasty.
  - Mineral from which metal is extracted.
  - Open fabric of string woven together at regular intervals.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

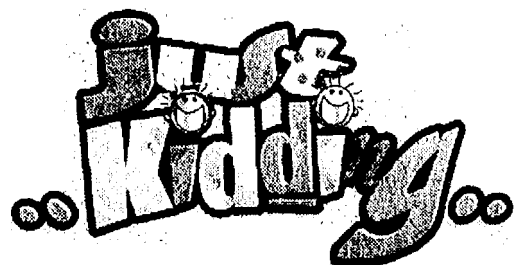


## Horseradish-Crusted Cod

- |     |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 1/4 | cup mayonnaise  | 2 | boneless, skinless center-cut cod fillets (4-6 ounces each), 1 inch thick |
| 1   | tablespoon prepared horseradish                                       |   | Salt and black pepper   |
| 1   | teaspoon snipped fresh parsley  |   | tablespoon butter   |
| 2   | slices French bread, coarsely chopped into 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs | 1 |   |

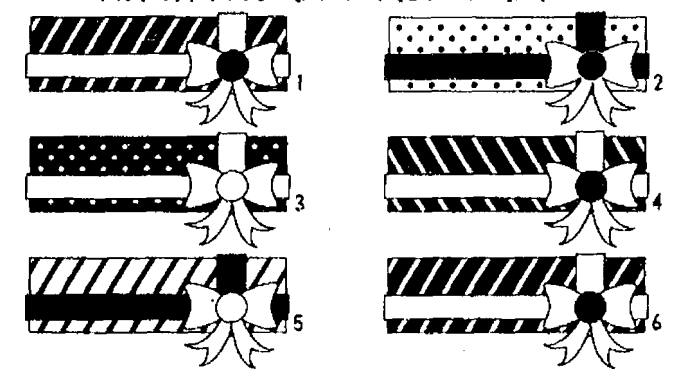
Preheat oven to 450° F. Combine mayonnaise, horseradish, parsley and 2 tablespoons of the bread crumbs in a small bowl. Season cod evenly with salt and black pepper. Place cod on pan with small sides; top evenly with horseradish mixture. Combine butter and remaining bread crumbs in microwave-safe bowl; microwave on HIGH 1 minute or until golden brown and crisp, stirring once. Sprinkle toasted crumbs evenly over top of horseradish mixture. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until cod flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven; serve immediately.

Makes: 2 servings



## FIND THE TWINS

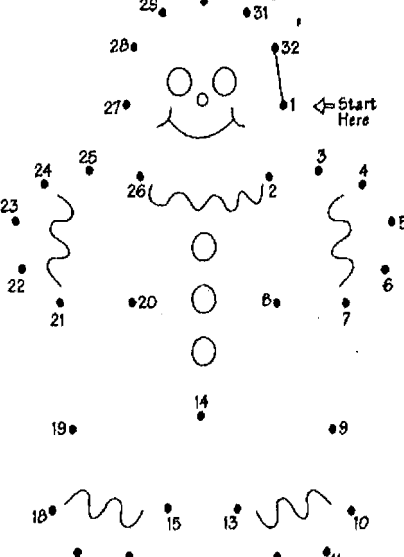
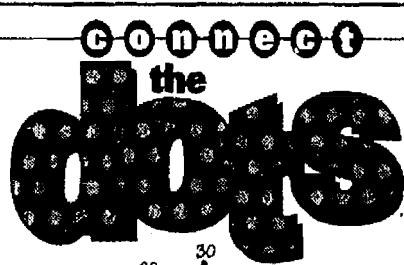
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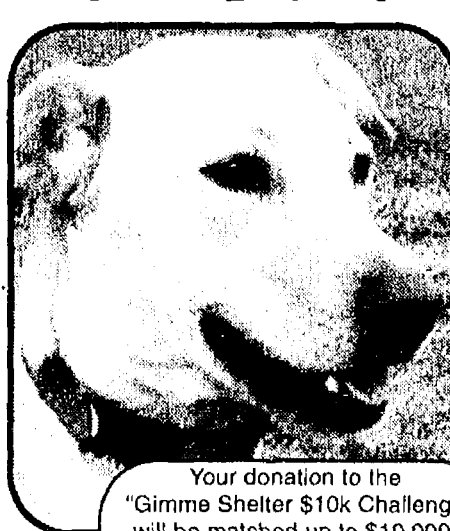
## DID YOU KNOW ??

On December 7,  
1941

Japan attacked  
Pearl Harbor.



## ADOPT A PET



### Lyric

is a 1 - 2 year old spayed female Yellow Lab mix. This girl loves to play and is good with other dogs. She seems eager to please and has a nice personality. Lyric will require a little training but would be well worth the time and effort required.

Your donation to the "Gimme Shelter \$10k Challenge" will be matched up to \$10,000! Help build a new shelter today!

### Star

is a beautiful 12 week old Silver Tabby Shorthair. She has a wonderful personality and a very pretty face. Star is at the shelter hoping to have a home for Christmas.

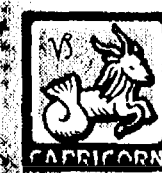


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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.asc.petfinder.com](http://www.asc.petfinder.com)

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 7, 2006



Capricorn  
December 22-  
January 19

The clean freak in you comes out this week, Capricorn, as you prepare for a special event. Don't go overboard and alienate those who offered to help.



Aries  
March 21-  
April 19

What was supposed to be a long and hard project turns into a piece of cake with some organization. Enjoy the perks, Aries. A real challenge is on the way.



Cancer  
June 22-  
July 22

Broken promises disappoint you and make you want to scream. Calm down, Cancer, and be forgiving. 'Tis the season, right? A miracle occurs at work.



Libra  
September 23-  
October 22

Something doesn't quite stack up about a friend's story. Put your plans on hold, Libra, and get to the bottom of the matter fast. An auto repair cannot be put off any longer.



Aquarius  
January 20-  
February 18

At last, Aquarius. A pal triumphs over adversity. Throw a party in their honor and help them celebrate. A turn of events at work puts everyone at ease.



Taurus  
April 20-  
May 20

You are asked to take on a special task at work. Go for it, Taurus. You were destined to play the role. The lines of communication break down at home and chaos ensues.



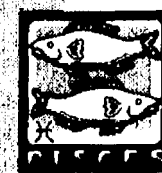
Leo  
July 23-  
August 22

You are put into a position requiring confidentiality. Act accordingly, Leo, and don't divulge any information you know. Holiday invitations arrive.



Scorpio  
October 23-  
November 21

Too bad, Scorpio. A neighbor suffers the agony of defeat. Prepare a tasty treat to cheer them up. A missing object suddenly turns up. Be grateful and keep your questions to yourself.



Pisces  
February 19-  
March 20

Everything you do turns out beautifully. Use your magical touch to finish projects around the house that have been stacking up for months, Pisces.



Gemini  
May 21-  
June 21

Financial finesse brings you a small windfall. Be careful what you do with it, Gemini. A splurge here and there could result in disaster later. Get busy and firm up holiday travel plans.



Virgo  
August 23-  
September 22

What you want and what your family wants are two different things. Learn the art of compromise, Virgo. A mission accomplished at home is worth celebrating.



Sagittarius  
November 22-  
December 21

The romantic in you comes out this week, Sagittarius, and you make every moment count. As a result, relationships improve and joy abounds.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip. inches
11/29	54	38	0.12
11/30	58	34	0.52
12/1	35	23	0
12/2	26	19	0.40
12/3	33	17	0.01
12/4	20	11	0.03
12/5	22	16	0.03

### Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>High 20</b>	<b>High 27</b>	<b>High 36</b>	<b>High 35</b>	<b>High 35</b>	<b>High 32</b>
<b>Low 14</b>	<b>Low 24</b>	<b>Low 29</b>	<b>Low 28</b>	<b>Low 27</b>	<b>Low 25</b>
Snow	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers



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**LOW INCOME** housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

**CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE?** Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

**FOR SALE OR LEASE** mobile home lots, 2.5 acres, relocate your mobile home and use existing mobile home for storage. Located on M-72 near Burton's Landing in Grayling. 14' x 65' concrete slab with hook-ups including 4" well, electric service and 1,000 gallon septic. A large frontage in nicer area located near state forest and canoe pick-up area. \$25,000. Mel, 877-365-2006 or todd@ingallsenterprises.com. (LR12/7/06/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**RIVERFRONT HOME** near town, 5 acres. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, attached garage. Walkout basement with family room, plus 2 bds/office. Large pole building. \$265,000. 989-348-8524. (LR12/7/06/1)

**REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL** M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06t/1)

### 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/2)

**FOR RENT** at 1005 Ogemaw Street. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, with garage. \$650/month, plus security deposit. Please call Debbie at 348-7440 for application. (12/07/06t/2)

**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom home with office and garage in town. \$550 per month, plus utilities and deposit. 586-899-4405 or 586-786-9060. (LR12/14/06/2)

### 2. For Rent

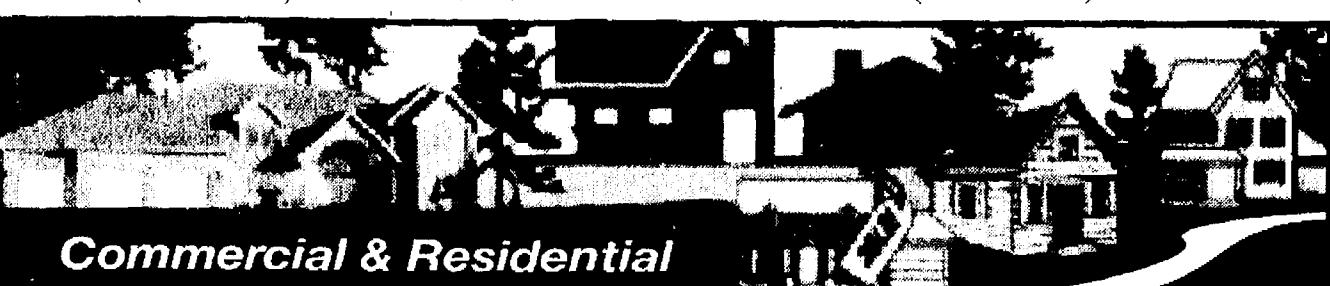
**FOR RENT** Grayling 2 bedroom home, new carpet, freshly painted, includes stove, refrigerator, and outdoor storage shed. \$400 per month, \$400 deposit. For application, call 989-344-1406 and leave a message. (-23-30-7/2)

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** no animals, \$610 a month. Includes all utilities and cable. Above the Frederic Inn. Call 348-8636 or 705-7111, ask for Sis or Lona. (9/28/06t/2)

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NEW LISTING

Clean, spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with plenty of storage areas, attached garage & a great location! Just shy of a full acre. Home features large deck, vaulted ceilings throughout, a nice size family room, large entry, new floor covering & freshly painted. \$149,500 #5791

NEW LISTING

This cute and cozy all knotty pine interior home sits on 4 lots and is with in walking distance of beautiful Higgins Lake. Small detached garage, partially finished, could be turned into guest quarters. \$92,900 #5792

Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living room w/ fireplace and glass door to extensive back deck. Large fenced yard and deeded easement to 600 feet of the Manistee River. \$132,000 #5789

It's all here, located just outside of town in a nice subdivision. On a county maintained road is this 3 bedroom home with a 28x32 separate garage. A corner lot with a large deck that also includes an additional storage shed. \$89,000 #5748

Motivated seller willing to look at reasonable offers!! Remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home sitting on 10 acres on a county maintained road. Home features an attached garage and a 3 door, 28x40 pole barn electricity and lift master door openers. \$119,900 #5733

Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with full finished basement and two car garage situated on a double lot located next to the Grayling Middle School. Home features hardwood and ceramic tile flooring, ceiling fans, and nice landscaping. A bargain at \$87,000 #5761

Neat As A Pin, two bedroom, one bath mobile home on one and a half lots in Grayling Mobile Estates. Property features landscaping, concrete driveway, covered porch and two car garage. Priced to sell at \$47,500 #5718

Well maintained home, three bedrooms, 2 bath, situated on 2 lots, has a deeded easement to the AuSable River and backs up to state land. Featuring a master bedroom suite, large kitchen with island and a paved drive. #5719 \$139,000

**COMMERCIAL**  
Three unit apartment building with 263 feet on the AuSable mainstem. All 3 units are very nicely done plus 2 single stall garages, with a large yard. Live in 1 and rent out the other 2. In town for convenience. #5680 \$229,000

### Featured Listing

**Wouldn't you love this  
Manistee River view everyday!**



Beautiful 3 to 5 bedroom home with 2 baths, full finished basement and large garage, all perched over a beautiful bend in the river. Get the fly rod, the fishing here is great. \$260,000 #5650

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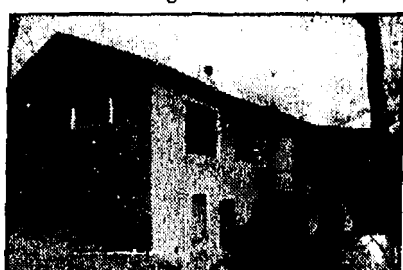


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**100' FRONTAGE ON THE AU-SABLE RIVER.** 700 s.f. cabin with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Roof only 5 years old. Drywall interior, drywall for sink, oil space heater and large wrap around decking. CH-2365 \$87,500



**240 ACRES WITH BRADFORD CREEK FLOWING THROUGH.** Ideal recreational property. 50% of property is gorgeous rolling Maple and Beech trees. Meadows and low lands with trout stream flowing through. Prime hunting and wildlife habitat. Two cottages: main cottage has walk-out basement, garage, porch, 2 water wells, full bath, designed for easy draining of plumbing system. 2nd cabin is one room 16 x 24 cabin. CH-2378 \$575,000



**175' FRONTAGE ON THE AU-SABLE RIVER PRICE TO SELL!** Newer Home only 50' from river edge. Custom ranch with full basement, attached garage and detached heated / finished workshop barn. Extensive river side decking 10 x 34. Anderson windows with French doors and bow window overlooking river. 1565 s.f., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and all appliances included. Hickory cabinets, perry flooring, and gas fireplace. CS-2395 \$239,900

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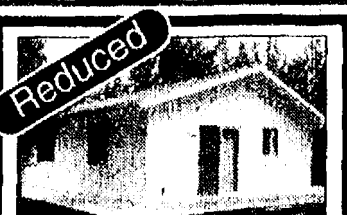
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**Just Listed**  
This well cared for home has a view of Lake Margrethe and sunset to enjoy. Front porch is covered and gives the look of the house. Garage is heated, insulated and finished. The inside has vaulted ceilings, a master suite that opens out onto a deck, 2 full baths, walk-in closets and a large crawl space for storage. There is landscaping and potential through out the property. #248991 \$142,500



**Reduced**  
203 feet of frontage on the Upper AuSable River. Excellent brook trout fishing. Home in very private setting with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large deck. Lot size 203 x 655 x 216 x 716. Total sq. ft. 1104. #241915 \$129,900



Cozy custom-built 3 bedroom, 2 bath home full of country charm. Central air, jacuzzi tub, knotty cedar in living room, 26' x 28' attached garage and 24' x 40' detached garage with workshop. 12' x 16' sunroom to enjoy all the seasons. Beautifully landscaped on 2.5 acres. #243985 \$159,900



This charming mobile is ready to move into. Includes all appliances, window A/C, 2 garage openers, bedroom and bath at both ends. Large finished breezeway to garage and workshop, covered porch, small patio out doorwall off breezeway in back. Cement drive and large shed for gardening tools. Must see to really appreciate. #244705 \$46,500



Wonderful 3-bedroom chalet on double lot with wood-heated garage for all the toys. Nice walk to Bear Lake beach and boat launch. Winter and summer fun out your door with great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and ORV trails. #244518 \$82,500

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Blacktop frontage, great location for horse lovers. 20 acres adjoining property to the South also available. #240905 \$26,900  
Great wooded acreage close to state land. Perfect for hunting, a new home, or just a nice place to get away. Land contract available. #248084 \$15,900  
Beautiful Lot in Fox Run. One of the most beautiful wooded acres this golf course offers, overlooking the 10th fairway. Great location with paved road, awesome location for your dream home. Sellers very motivated. #239188 \$24,900  
Great 10 acre parcel offers mixed variety of tree cover, a hill, and adjoins state land to the South and East sides. Great property to build new home with a walk-out basement or just to enjoy. Close to Manistee river and trails. #246818 \$39,900

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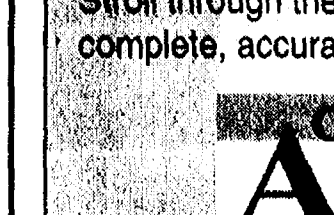
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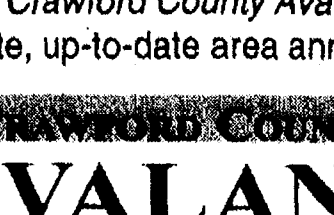
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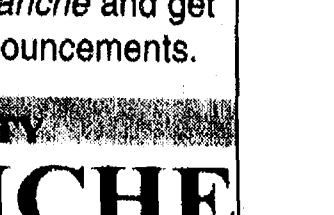
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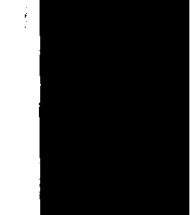
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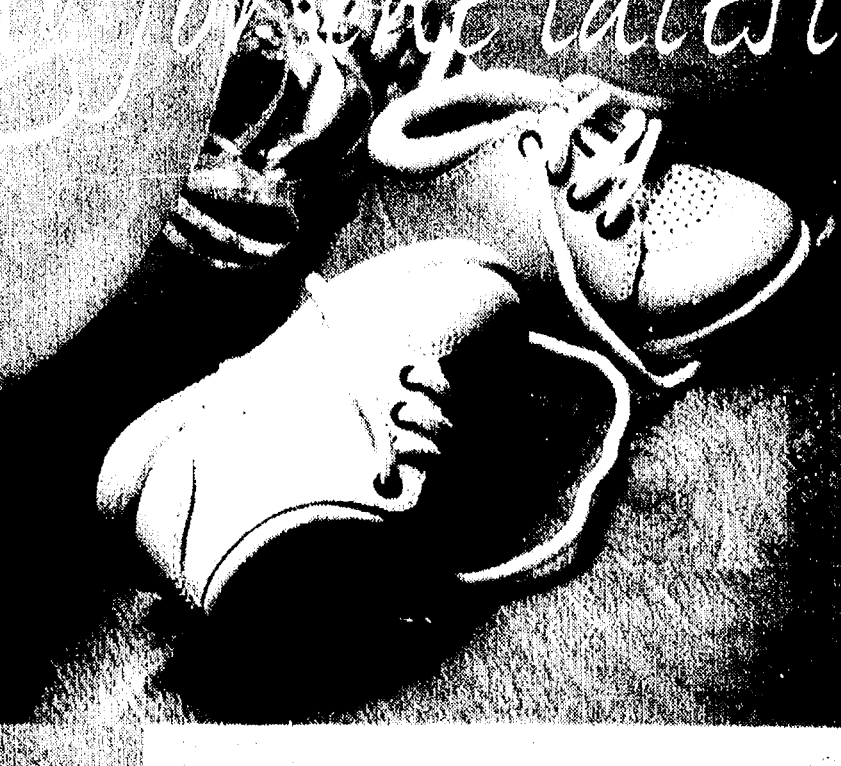


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**FOR RENT** M-72 West. Remodeled home, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, new appliances and furnace, 2-car garage. Convenient to Grayling, yet private. \$750/month, plus utilities. First/last/security, references required. Non-smoking. No pets. Call 989-348-6141 or 989-348-8497. (-7-14SGF/2)

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### New Home for the Holidays

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Up dated 3 bedroom, 1 bath home only 1 mile from town on a county maintained road. Includes attached garage, fenced in back yard, and a large wood deck that's waiting for a new owner. \$85,000 #5754

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RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
5688 M-72 West  
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## 2. For Rent

**NICE, CLEAN** two bedroom duplex. Natural gas, storage, lawncare, laundry, \$435. Non-smoking unit. 8110 Insley Ave. Phone 348-2178. (10/19/06t/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room, dining room and basement. Walking distance to schools and downtown. Application, references, and security deposit required. \$625 per month, plus utilities. Contact 989-732-3828. (LR12/7/06t/2)

**FOR RENT** 3 bedroom rentals available, \$500 a month, plus security deposit. For more information call Ron at 989-344-2053. (11/16/06t/2)

**FOUR BEDROOM** 2 bath house, fully remodeled, with appliances. Very nice home in Frederic. \$650 monthly. Must see to believe. 989-450-9742. (-7-14/2)

## 2. For Rent

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**RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS** Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has one, two, three and four bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by eligible applicants. Rent is based on income. Laundry and play areas on site. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications available at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155. (LR12/07/06/2)

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS.**, 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155. (LR12/07/06/2)

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**HISTORIC RESTAURANT FOR RENT** fully equipped. \$900 monthly. 989-450-9742. (-7-14/2)

**4 RENT** 5 acre riverfront property with secluded 2 bedroom home. \$750 a month. 425-314-6090. (-30-7-14/2)

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**NICE, CLEAN, COZY** 2 bedroom home, well insulated, gas heat, minutes from town on East M-72. \$475, plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (11/30/06t/2)

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**TWO BEDROOM HOME** non-smoking, no pets. \$475/month, plus. 348-4840. (LR12/21/06/2)

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Posting Date:

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Full-Time Position

**JOB TITLE:** Primary Moderately Cognitive Impaired Teacher

**POSITION:** Full-time position to begin January, 2007

**SALARY:** COOR Educational Center Per Master Agreement Salary Schedule. COOR/MEA Bargaining agreement

**BENEFITS:** Health, dental, vision, life and disability insurance.

**REPORTS TO:** Director of Special Education and/or local building principal / supervisor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Valid Michigan Teacher's Certificate with Full Approval in Cognitive Impairment as defined in Michigan Special Education Rules.

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COOR Intermediate School District  
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Roscommon, MI 48653-0827

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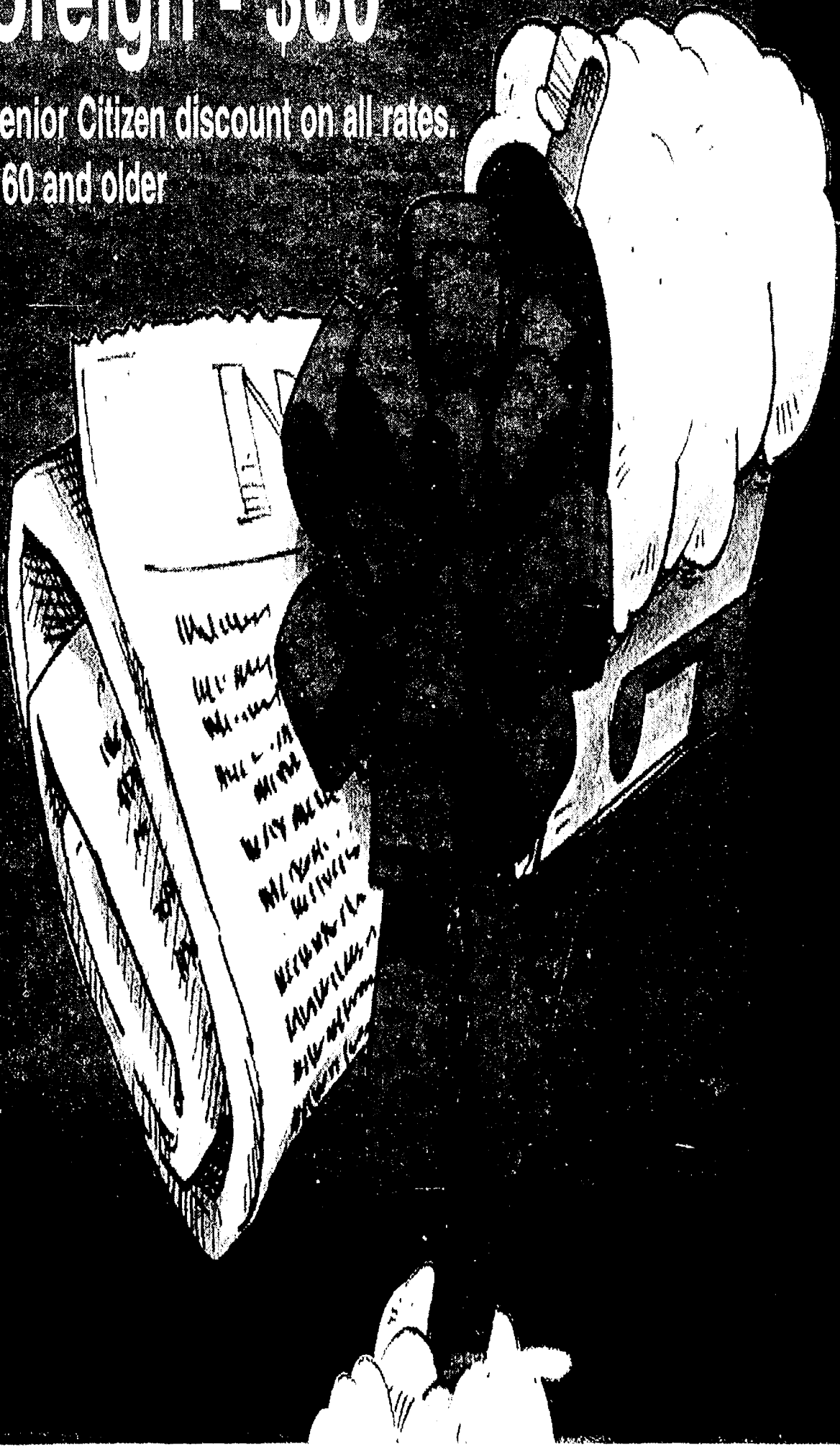
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### 5. For sale

**CHRISTMAS JEWELRY SALE** The "jewelry lady" is coming to the Lone Pine Restaurant Saturday December 9th 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. raising funds for Grayling student, Tabitha Pelkey, student ambassador going to Europe summer 2007. 348-7312. (-7/5)

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### 8. Announcements

**FAMILY, GRIEF** or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06t/8)

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### 8. Announcements

**LOOKING FOR A WAY** to sell your antiques? Bring them to Antiques & More, 600 N. James St. We are now taking antiques on consignment. Stop in or call 344-0108. Located behind Fabrics & More, across from Rochettes. (-30-7/8)

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**"HUNT WITH FRED BEAR"** New book now available at Skip's, Riverland, AuSable Gifts, Charles Truck Stop, Sledheads. (11/30/06t/8)

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**CUSTOMERS** give your pet the gift of love this Christmas. Get them groomed at Darlene's Milltown Groomers. Gift certificates available, 6405 West M-72, Grayling, MI. Call for appointment, 989-348-4104. (-30-7/8)

**COOKIE SALE** Sat., Dec. 9, 10 am to 4 pm. Sun., Dec. 10, 10 am till noon, at St. Mary's Family Center, Spruce Street. (-7/8)

### 8. Announcements

**AUCTION, ENJOY THE FUN** Grayling Free Methodist Church, M-72 West across from Sears. Furniture, electronics, sporting goods, crafts, baked goods. Saturday, December 9th 6-8 p.m. Sample some sweets as you bid for your treasurers. (-7/8)

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS** sale Dec Jays Gifts, 120 Michigan Ave. 40% off entire store. Open Dec., 8th and 9th. (-7/8)

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**CAR DETAILING:** Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle, inside & out! 348-7710. (9/29/05t/11)

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**1988 CHEVY CAMARO** southern body, V-6, runs great, needs some TLC, \$1,500/OBO. Call 348-8100, leave message. (-30-7/11)

**1996 FORD RANGER** 83k miles, splash package, 5-speed, 4 wheel drive, newer tires, toner, one owner. Gorgeous. 348-7921. \$4,000/OBO. (-7/11)

**1996 CHEVY MONTE CARLO** new tires \$1,000 OBO 989-348-9868. (-7-14/11)

**1990 FORD F250** 4x4 boss, 8.2 v-plow, 460, C6 trans. \$900. Rusty but trusty, few repairs needed in past 4 years. Burst plow hydraulic line needs repair. 989-348-9094. (-7/11)

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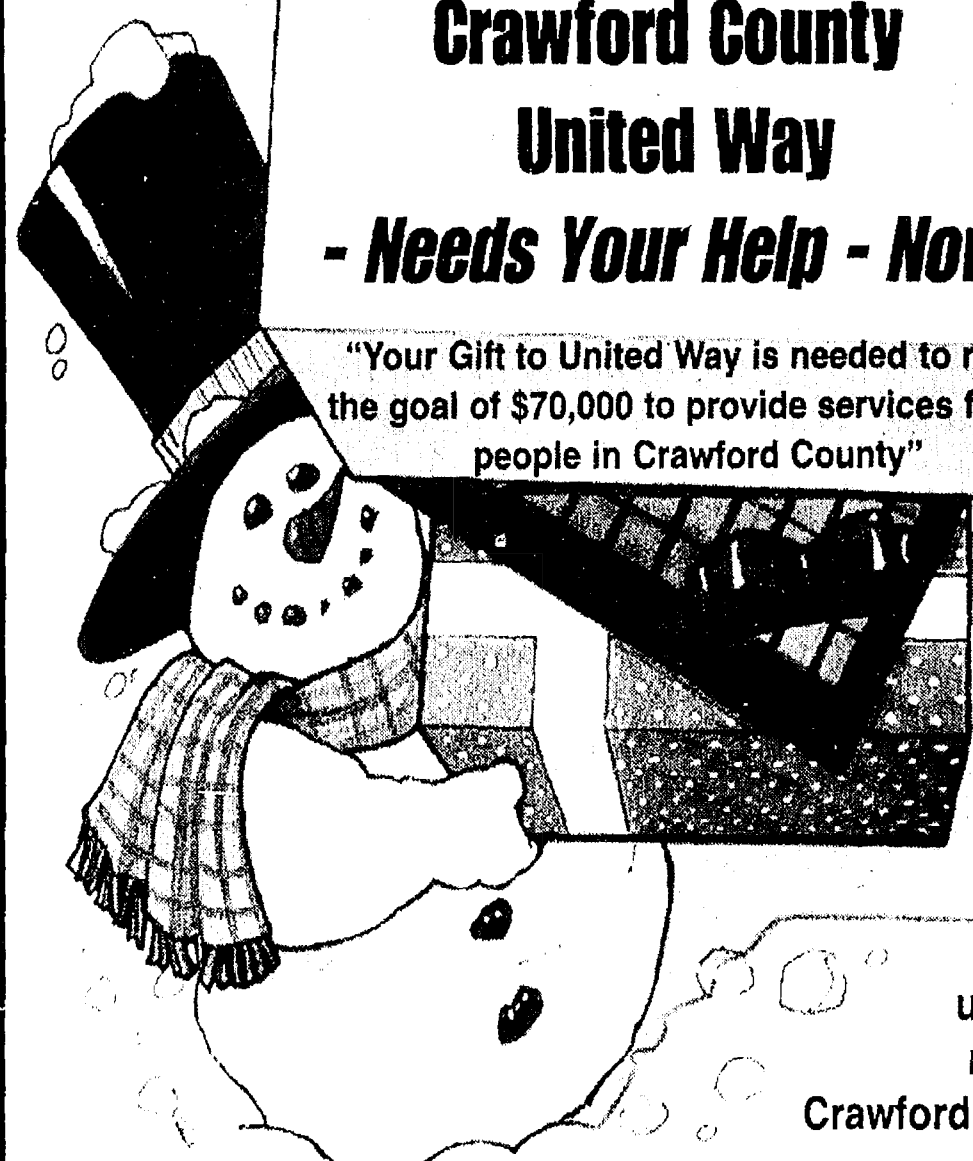
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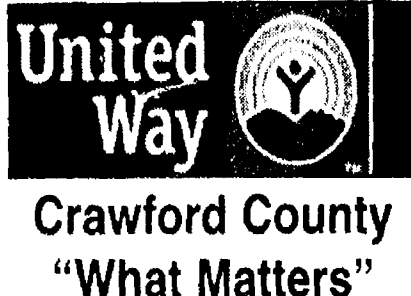


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